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DISTRICTS IN NEW YORK, CHICAGO, PHILA-  
DELPHIA, BOSTON, CLEVELAND, BUFFALO,  
AND MILWAUKEE

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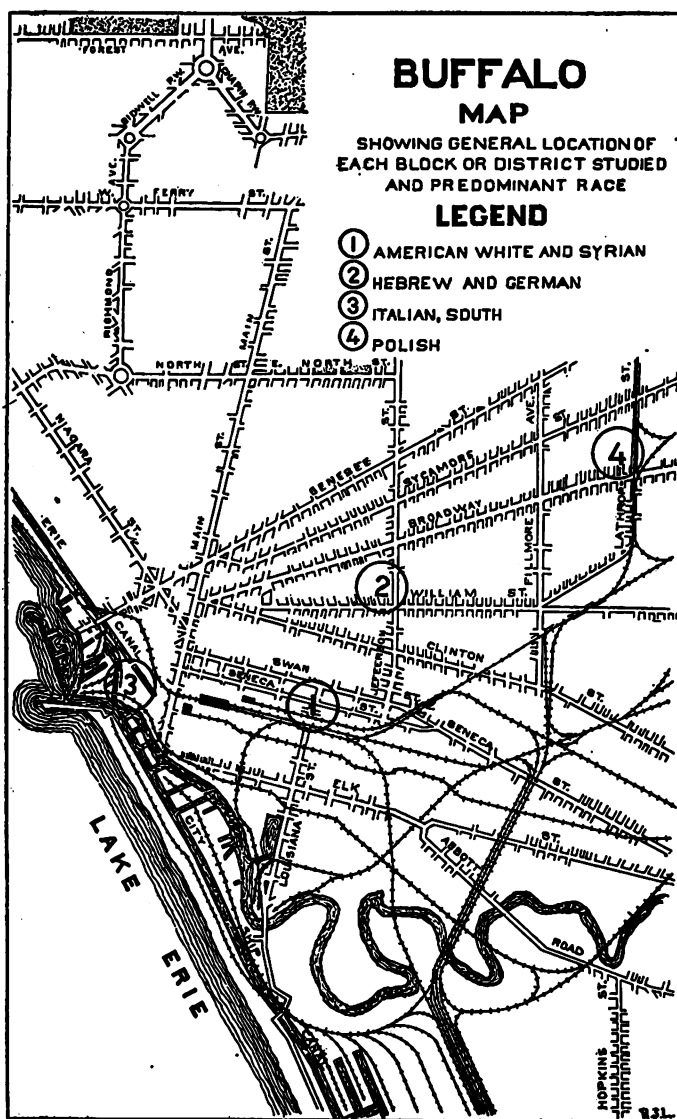
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### CHAPTER I.

#### INTRODUCTION.

Buffalo, like most large cities in the United States, has its colonies of immigrants. In some of these colonies unfavorable housing conditions prevail, but they are due to poor construction, lack of proper sanitary provisions, and dilapidation rather than to extreme crowding per lot. Four of the most congested districts in the city have been chosen for study. In these districts there are cases of what is clearly lot overcrowding, but they are not representative of prevailing conditions. The average number of households per lot used for dwelling purposes throughout the four districts is only about two and one-half, and the average number of persons per lot used for dwelling purposes is about thirteen. In none of the four districts is the average of households per lot as low as two or as high as three, and in none of the four is the average of persons per lot as low as ten or as high as seventeen.

The immigrant races found living in representative numbers under the most unfavorable housing conditions prevailing in Buffalo are the South Italian, Polish, Russian Hebrew, German, and Syrian. The distribution of these races is indicated by the map and by General Table 58.



## CHAPTER II.

### TERRITORY.

The four districts studied in Buffalo are as follows:

(1) *Erie street district*.—Canal street, both sides; Fly street, both sides; Peacock street, both sides; Commercial street, both sides; Evans street, both sides.

(2) *Kosciusko street district*.—Kosciusko street, Broadway to Sycamore street, both sides.

(3) *Mortimer street district*.—Mortimer street, Broadway to William street, both sides.

(4) *Seneca street district*.—Seneca street, Alabama to Louisiana, both sides; Louisiana to Chicago, south side.

The Italians were studied in the Erie street district. The racial composition of the district appears in the following table:

TABLE 1.—*Number of households studied in Erie street district, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.              | Number of households. |
|--|-----------------------|
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, Irish..... | 1                     |
| Foreign-born:  |                       |
| German.....  | 2                     |
| Italian, South.....  | 171                   |
| Grand total.....   | 174                   |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                     | 1                     |
| Total foreign-born.....                                      | 173                   |

The population is almost solidly South Italian.

The chief street in the district is Canal, parallel to the Erie Canal, running two blocks south from Erie street. This is the business street of the quarter. There are many saloons, restaurants, pool rooms, and theaters, and numbers of lodging houses, some of which have a bad reputation. Peacock street is a narrow, cobble-paved street, open on the northwest corner to the lake winds and in consequence having fairly good air.

Some of the houses in this district were not originally planned for tenements. One of the houses, for instance, was built for storing boats, then it was a stable; later it was turned into a house of ill repute; still later it was made to comply outwardly with the letter of the tenement-house law and was rented to the Italians. A considerable number of similar houses are in the district. A simple and inexpensive device for adapting them to household uses is the head-high wooden partition, by means of which a single large room is converted into a number of small rooms, the sleeping rooms at the rear depending entirely upon the windows of the front room for light and ventilation.

The water supply and toilet facilities are often inadequate, and a few cases of dry toilets are still to be found on Canal street. There are, however, a few houses in the district which offer decent living accommodations. The district is in a period of transition, and a radical cleaning up is necessary before the quarter will offer living conditions on a par with those to be found in other parts of Buffalo.

Kosciusko street is a typical street of the Polish quarter of Buffalo; it is as poor as any and yet not exceptional. The number of households of the canvassed district is given below:

TABLE 2.—*Number of households studied in Kosciusko street district, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number of households. |
|---|-----------------------|
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, Polish..... | 7                     |
| Foreign-born:   |                       |
| German.....   | 1                     |
| Polish.....   | 194                   |
| Russian.....  | 1                     |
| Grand total.....  | 203                   |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 7                     |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 196                   |

Only two households in the entire district are not Polish.

Two blocks on Kosciusko street were studied. Of the two, the block between Stanislaus and Sycamore is the less crowded. A church and its parish house and rectory occupy all the west side of the block and the houses opposite are on the whole better than the houses between Stanislaus and Broadway. The latter block is much the more populous and is sharply divided into a poorer and a better side. On the east side is the larger proportion of one and two family houses, some of them with very good gardens. On the west side the houses, as a rule, accommodate a larger number of households and have less ground space about them. At one end of the west side stands a notoriously bad tenement house, and across the street stands another not so bad, but yet old and dilapidated and far below tolerable standards.

The two or three large tenement houses in the district are an anomaly in the village atmosphere surrounding them, and though in bad condition are not sufficiently numerous to be a danger to any but the tenants occupying them. The other houses in the district, which accommodate not more than four and often only one or two households, are detached, one, one-and-a-half, or two story frame cottages, narrow and long and stretching far back. In some instances there are rear houses back of little yards. This class of houses is largely in the hands of resident owners. The houses are without improvements; the water supply is sometimes shared by two or three households, all of which use a yard faucet; the toilets are in the yard, and in a few instances there is surface drainage. The conditions, however, are not extremely bad. There is space and air from side and back yards; there are no dark rooms; the houses are in good repair. If the district can not boast of modern city improvements, it lacks also much of the discomfort and danger of densely populated city blocks.

The Hebrew district studied in Buffalo is on Mortimer street. The racial composition of its population is given below:

TABLE 3.—*Number of households studied in Mortimer street district, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.   | Number of households. | General nativity and race of head of household. | Number of households. |
|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Native-born of native father, White.....          | 7                     | Foreign-born—Continued.                         |                       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |                       | German.....                                     | 33                    |
| English.....                                      | 1                     | Hebrew, Russian.....                            | 69                    |
| French.....                                       | 1                     | Irish.....                                      | 2                     |
| German.....                                       | 45                    | Grand total.....                                | 165                   |
| Irish.....  | 2                     |   |                       |
| Foreign-born:                                     |                       | Total native-born of foreign father.....        | 49                    |
| Canadian.....                                     | 3                     | Total native-born.....                          | 56                    |
| English.....                                      | 2                     | Total foreign-born.....                         | 109                   |

The households of the district are 41.8 per cent Russian Hebrew and 47.3 per cent German, foreign and native.

The three blocks on Mortimer street between William street and Broadway comprise this district. The character of the neighborhood is poor at the William street end of the district but improves as one approaches Broadway.

The houses are all two-story cottages, accommodating from two to four households. They are surrounded by yards and in some cases have little houses at the rear of the lots, which are kept in as good condition as the front houses. The repair of the houses in this district is, in general, good and they have, on the whole, the most modern equipment of the houses in any district studied. Separate water supply within the house is the rule; toilet accommodations are good; and the majority of the houses are lighted by gas, practically the only gas lighting found in the course of the Buffalo study. The district has many resident landlords, especially among the Germans, who are the old residents of the neighborhood.

The racial composition of the Seneca street district is shown in the following table:

TABLE 4.—*Number of households studied in Seneca street district, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.   | Number of households. | General nativity and race of head of household. | Number of households. |
|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Native-born of native father, White.....          | 57                    | Foreign-born—Continued.                         |                       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |                       | Hebrew, Russian.....                            | 3                     |
| French.....                                       | 1                     | Irish.....                                      | 10                    |
| German.....                                       | 3                     | Italian, North.....                             | 1                     |
| Irish.....  | 7                     | Italian, South.....                             | 41                    |
| Foreign-born:                                     |                       | Syrian.....                                     | 50                    |
| Canadian.....                                     | 10                    | Turkish.....                                    | 1                     |
| Danish.....                                       | 1                     | Grand total.....                                | 209                   |
| English.....                                      | 6                     |   |                       |
| French.....                                       | 1                     | Total native-born of foreign father.....        | 11                    |
| German.....                                       | 11                    | Total native-born.....                          | 68                    |
| Greek.....  | 6                     | Total foreign-born.....                         | 141                   |



The population of the Seneca street district is rapidly changing. German, Irish, Italian, English, and American households are living in close proximity to the Syrians, and the character of the district is distinctly cosmopolitan.

Of the 209 households canvassed 27.3 per cent have heads who are native-born of native father, 23.9 per cent are Syrian, and 19.6 per cent are South Italian. Ten other races of foreign birth and four of native birth are represented by one or more households in this district. In winter the South Italians constitute a higher proportion of the households of the district than that appearing in the table. At the time the schedules were taken a number of South Italian households were in the country at agricultural labor.

This district comprises two blocks along Seneca street. Both sides of the street were studied between Alabama and Louisiana streets, and the south side was studied between Louisiana and Chicago streets. On the former block are situated a police station, the Syrian church, and Welcome Hall, a social settlement. Back of the houses on the south side of the street are railroad tracks.

There are two tenement houses in this district, each accommodating 12 households. Conditions in these tenements are fairly good. The apartments are occupied by English, Irish, German, and native households. The other houses of the neighborhood accommodate from two to four households. Two-story frame or brick houses and three-story brick houses are the most common. A railroad company owns some of the houses and rents them at a low figure on condition that the occupants vacate at notice. The proportion of houses in good repair is small. Most of the houses occupied by the native-born of native father are in good or fair repair; about half of the houses occupied by the Syrians are in bad repair and in some cases are in a state of dilapidation.

### CHAPTER III.

#### COMPOSITION OF POPULATION STUDIED.

##### NATIVITY AND RACE.

Study by block is not practicable beyond this point. The purpose of this report is the presentation of certain data for races found living in considerable numbers in the more congested sections of the city. Such immigrant races in Buffalo are the South Italians, the Poles, the Germans, the Hebrews, and the Syrians.<sup>a</sup> The second-generation Germans and the native-born of native father being represented by more than 20 households are also included in the study for comparative purposes. All other races found living in the districts studied have been excluded from the detailed study. The table which gives the scope of the investigation and of the detailed study is drawn from General Tables 58 and 59.

TABLE 5.—*Total number of households studied in blocks investigated and households included in detailed study, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.   | Total number of households studied in block investigated (see Table 1). | Households included in detailed study. |                       |
|---|---|--|-----------------------|
|   |   | Number.                                | Percent distribution. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....          | 64  | 64                                     | 9.3                   |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |   |  |                       |
| English.....                                      | 1   |  |                       |
| French.....                                       | 2   |  |                       |
| German.....                                       | 48  | 48                                     | 7.0                   |
| Irish.....  | 10  |  |                       |
| Polish.....                                       | 7   |  |                       |
| Foreign-born:                                     |   |  |                       |
| Canadian.....                                     | 13  |  |                       |
| Danish.....                                       | 1   |  |                       |
| English.....                                      | 8   |  |                       |
| French.....                                       | 1   |  |                       |
| German.....                                       | 47  | 47                                     | 6.8                   |
| Greek.....  | 6   |  |                       |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                              | 72  | 72                                     | 10.5                  |
| Irish.....  | 12  |  |                       |
| Italian, North.....                               | 1   |  |                       |
| Italian, South.....                               | 212   | 212                                    | 30.9                  |
| Polish.....                                       | 194   | 194                                    | 28.2                  |
| Russian.....                                      | 1   |  |                       |
| Syrian.....                                       | 50  | 50                                     | 7.3                   |
| Turkish.....                                      | 1   |  |                       |
| Grand total.....                                  | 751   | 687                                    | 100.0                 |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....          | 68  | 48                                     | 7.0                   |
| Total native-born.....                            | 132   | 112                                    | 16.3                  |
| Total foreign-born.....                           | 619   | 575                                    | 83.7                  |

<sup>a</sup> See General Table 58.

Of the 751 households canvassed 64, or 8.5 per cent, representing scattering races, have been excluded from succeeding tables. Of the 687 which are further studied, 575, or 83.7 per cent, are foreign and 112, or 16.3 per cent, are native. The South Italians and the Poles are represented in the detailed study by the large proportions of households; the Russian Hebrews and the native-born of native father have a much smaller representation; and the Germans of the two generations and the Syrians have a still smaller representation, no one of these races having more than 50 households. Reference to General Table 58 shows the South Italians and the Poles to be the most distinctly colonized of the seven races.

The nationality of the Polish heads of households appears in the following table derived from General Table 61. The German Poles are predominant in this group of Polish households and the Galicians are few.

TABLE 6.—Country of birth of foreign-born Polish heads of households.

| Country of birth.    | Total number. | Per cent of total. |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Austria-Hungary..... | 14            | 7.2                |
| Germany.....         | 137           | 70.6               |
| Russia.....          | 43            | 22.2               |
| Total.....           | 194           | 100.0              |

TABLE 7.—Province of birth of South Italian heads of households.

| Province of birth.      | Number reporting complete data. | Per cent of total. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Abruzzi and Molise..... | 12                              | 5.7                |
| Basilicata.....         | 36                              | 17.1               |
| Calabria.....           | 11                              | 5.2                |
| Campania.....           | 37                              | 17.6               |
| Marches.....            | 1                               | .5                 |
| Roma.....               | 1                               | .5                 |
| Sicily.....             | 112                             | 53.3               |
| Total.....              | 210                             | 100.0              |

That more than half of the South Italian heads of households are from Sicily appears from the table above. Six other provinces are represented in this group of South Italian households, of which Campania and Basilicata furnish the largest numbers.

The number of persons who are members of the households studied, and the per cent the members of households of each race form of the total number studied, also the number of members for whom detailed information was secured, and the per cent that such persons in the households of each race form of the total number for whom detailed information was secured, appear in the following table. The table is derived from General Table 59.

TABLE 8.—*Persons in households studied and persons for whom detailed information was secured, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of households. | Persons in households. |                    | Persons for whom detailed information was secured. |                    |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
|   |                             | Number.                | Per cent of total. | Number.  | Per cent of total. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64                          | 287                    | 8.1                | 287  | 8.4                |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                          | 220                    | 6.2                | 219  | 6.4                |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |                        |                    |  |                    |
| German.....   | 47                          | 184                    | 5.2                | 182  | 5.3                |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                          | 370                    | 10.4               | 367  | 10.7               |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 1,151                  | 32.3               | 1,051  | 30.6               |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 1,145                  | 32.2               | 1,129  | 32.8               |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 204                    | 5.7                | 202  | 5.9                |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 3,561                  | 100.0              | 3,437  | 100.0              |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                          | 220                    | 6.2                | 219  | 6.4                |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                         | 507                    | 14.2               | 506  | 14.7               |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575                         | 3,054                  | 85.8               | 2,931  | 85.3               |

In the 687 households there are 3,561 persons, 3,054, or 85.8 per cent, of whom are in households whose heads are immigrants and 507, or 14.2 per cent, of whom are in households with heads of native birth. The Poles and South Italians each have nearly a third of the total number of persons in households. The South Italians have a slightly larger total number of persons than have the Poles, but a somewhat smaller number of persons for whom detailed information was secured. The Russian Hebrews have the third largest representation both of total members and of members furnishing detailed information, and the native-born of native father rank second. Lowest in point of representation are the Germans of the two generations and the Syrians.

## SEX.

The proportions of the sexes in the households studied appear in the following table, which also is derived from General Table 59:

TABLE 9.—*Sex of persons for whom detailed information was secured, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number. |         |        | Per cent of each sex. |         |
|---|---------|---------|--------|-----------------------|---------|
|   | Male.   | Female. | Total. | Male.                 | Female. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 145     | 142     | 287    | 50.5                  | 49.5    |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 113     | 106     | 219    | 51.6                  | 48.4    |
| Foreign-born:   |         |         |        |                       |         |
| German.....   | 87      | 95      | 182    | 47.8                  | 52.2    |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 183     | 184     | 367    | 49.9                  | 50.1    |
| Italian, South.....   | 591     | 460     | 1,051  | 56.2                  | 43.8    |
| Polish.....   | 582     | 547     | 1,129  | 51.6                  | 48.4    |
| Syrian.....   | 108     | 94      | 202    | 53.5                  | 46.5    |
| Grand total.....  | 1,809   | 1,628   | 3,437  | 52.6                  | 47.4    |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 113     | 106     | 219    | 51.6                  | 48.4    |
| Total native-born.....  | 258     | 248     | 506    | 51.0                  | 49.0    |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 1,551   | 1,380   | 2,931  | 52.9                  | 47.1    |

The percentage of males among the foreign-born is 52.9 and among the native-born is 51. The higher percentage of males among the immigrants is due to a high proportion of males among the South Italians and also to a rather high proportion among the Syrians. The preponderance of males among the South Italians is due largely to the presence of boarders and lodgers in the households of the race, almost all of whom are men.

The percentage which boarders and lodgers form of the entire membership of the households studied appears in the following table, derived from General Tables 59 and 76:

TABLE 10.—*Number and per cent of persons in apartments who are boarders or lodgers, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of persons in apartments. | Total boarders and lodgers. |           |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------|
|   |  | Number.                     | Per cent. |
| Native-born of native father, White .....                     | 287                                    | 16                          | 5.6       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 220                                    | 9                           | 4.1       |
| Foreign-born:   |  |                             |           |
| German.....   | 184                                    | 3                           | 1.6       |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 370                                    | 25                          | 6.8       |
| Italian, South.....   | 1,151                                  | 135                         | 11.7      |
| Polish.....   | 1,145                                  | 31                          | 2.7       |
| Syrian.....   | 204                                    | 21                          | 10.3      |
| Grand total.....  | 3,561                                  | 240                         | 6.7       |
| Total native-born of foreign father .....                     | 220                                    | 9                           | 4.1       |
| Total native-born.....  | 507                                    | 25                          | 4.9       |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 3,054                                  | 215                         | 7.0       |

The South Italians have the highest proportion of boarders and lodgers among the members of their households, the Syrians have the second highest, and the Russian Hebrews have the third highest. As has been already stated, the boarders and lodgers in South Italian households are almost all men. Among the Syrians and Russian Hebrews, however, numbers of relatives are found boarding or lodging, and several of the boarders and lodgers are women. In general the groups of boarders and lodgers in the households of the last two races are much smaller than are found in the South Italian households. The South Italians may be said to be the only one of the races included in the study which resorts to the keeping of boarders and lodgers on a large scale.

#### AGE.

The age of heads of households is given in the table following, which is based on General Table 62.

TABLE 11.—*Per cent of heads of households within each age group, by sex and by general nativity and race of individual.*

[This table includes in each section only races with twenty or more persons reporting. The totals, however, are for all races.]

## MALE.

| General nativity and race of individual.                      | Number reporting complete data. | Per cent within each specified age group. |           |           |           |             |
|---|---------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
|   |                                 | Under 20.                                 | 20 to 29. | 30 to 44. | 45 to 59. | 60 or over. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 53                              | 0.0                                       | 18.9      | 52.8      | 24.5      | 3.8         |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 39                              | 2.6                                       | 23.1      | 41.0      | 25.6      | 7.7         |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |   |           |           |           |             |
| German.....   | 30                              | .0  | 10.0      | 26.7      | 20.0      | 43.3        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 65                              | .0  | 26.2      | 47.7      | 24.6      | 1.5         |
| Italian, South.....   | 206                             | .0  | 18.5      | 54.1      | 19.0      | 8.3         |
| Polish.....   | 178                             | .0  | 21.9      | 49.4      | 24.7      | 3.9         |
| Syrian.....   | 44                              | 4.5                                       | 54.5      | 34.1      | 4.5       | 2.3         |
| Grand total.....  | 614                             | .5  | 22.8      | 48.4      | 21.2      | 7.2         |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 39                              | 2.6                                       | 23.1      | 41.0      | 25.6      | 7.7         |
| Total native-born.....  | 92                              | 1.1                                       | 20.7      | 47.8      | 25.0      | 5.4         |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 522                             | .4  | 23.2      | 48.5      | 20.5      | 7.5         |

## FEMALE.

|  |    |     |      |      |      |      |
|--|----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Grand total.....                         | 67 | 0.0 | 6.0  | 31.3 | 41.8 | 20.9 |
| Total native-born of foreign father..... | 9  | (a) | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  |
| Total native-born.....                   | 20 | .0  | 10.0 | 45.0 | 40.0 | 5.0  |
| Total foreign-born.....                  | 47 | .0  | 4.3  | 25.5 | 42.6 | 27.7 |

## TOTAL.

|   |     |     |      |      |      |      |
|---|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64  | 0.0 | 17.2 | 51.6 | 26.6 | 4.7  |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48  | 2.1 | 20.8 | 41.7 | 29.2 | 6.3  |
| Foreign-born:   |     |     |      |      |      |      |
| German.....   | 46  | .0  | 6.5  | 23.9 | 21.7 | 47.8 |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72  | .0  | 23.6 | 47.2 | 25.0 | 4.2  |
| Italian, South.....   | 210 | .0  | 18.6 | 53.8 | 19.5 | 8.1  |
| Polish.....   | 191 | .0  | 20.4 | 47.6 | 27.2 | 4.7  |
| Syrian.....   | 50  | 4.0 | 50.0 | 32.0 | 12.0 | 2.0  |
| Grand total.....  | 681 | .4  | 21.1 | 46.7 | 23.2 | 8.5  |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48  | 2.1 | 20.8 | 41.7 | 29.2 | 6.3  |
| Total native-born.....  | 112 | .9  | 18.8 | 47.3 | 27.7 | 5.4  |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 569 | .4  | 21.6 | 46.6 | 22.3 | 9.1  |

(a) Not computed, owing to small number involved.

Of the total of 687 heads of households, 681 are included in the above table, 614 of whom are men and 67 of whom are women. The women, who as a rule are widows, are, on the whole, much older than the men, 62.7 per cent as compared with 28.4 per cent of the men being 45 years of age or older.

By reference to General Table 60 it will be found that all but 8 of the households studied are family households. Practically all who are included in the above table are therefore heads of families as well as of households, and their ages may be taken as indicating roughly the age of the family. The most usual age of heads of households for every race except the foreign-born Germans and the Syrians is between 30 and 45. The most usual age among the Germans is 60 or over; 47.8 per cent are at least 60 years of age and 69.5 per cent are

at least 45 years of age; only 6.5 per cent are below the age of 30. The Germans are, on the whole, by far the oldest families included in this study. The Syrian heads of households in 50 per cent of all cases are below the age of 30, and in 82 per cent are below the age of 45. The indications are therefore that they average the youngest families included in this study.

The age of the persons in households is given in the next table. The table is derived from General Table 63.

TABLE 12.—*Per cent of persons within each age group, by sex and general nativity and race of head of household.*

MALE.

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number reporting complete data. | Per cent within each specified age group. |          |            |           |           |           |             |
|---|---------------------------------|---|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
|   |                                 | Under 6.                                  | 6 to 13. | 14 and 15. | 16 to 19. | 20 to 29. | 30 to 44. | 45 or over. |
| Native-born of native father, White.                          | 145                             | 15.9                                      | 17.9     | 3.4        | 8.3       | 15.9      | 23.4      | 15.2        |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 113                             | 15.9                                      | 15.9     | 1.8        | 14.2      | 21.2      | 18.6      | 12.4        |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |   |          |            |           |           |           |             |
| German.....   | 87                              | 6.9                                       | 11.5     | 3.4        | 6.9       | 27.6      | 18.4      | 25.3        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 183                             | 25.1                                      | 13.1     | 3.8        | 7.7       | 20.2      | 19.7      | 10.4        |
| Italian, South.....   | 591                             | 23.7                                      | 20.6     | 2.9        | 4.4       | 16.6      | 21.0      | 10.8        |
| Polish.....   | 582                             | 21.5                                      | 24.9     | 4.8        | 11.5      | 11.5      | 16.0      | 9.8         |
| Syrian.....   | 108                             | 20.4                                      | 5.6      | 1.9        | 7.4       | 41.7      | 18.5      | 4.6         |
| Grand total.....  | 1,809                           | 21.0                                      | 19.4     | 3.5        | 8.2       | 17.6      | 19.0      | 11.2        |
| Total native-born of foreign father..                         | 113                             | 15.9                                      | 15.9     | 1.8        | 14.2      | 21.2      | 18.6      | 12.4        |
| Total native-born.....  | 258                             | 15.9                                      | 17.1     | 2.7        | 10.9      | 18.2      | 21.3      | 14.0        |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 1,551                           | 21.9                                      | 19.8     | 3.7        | 7.8       | 17.5      | 18.6      | 10.8        |

FEMALE.

|   |       |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |
|---|-------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Native-born of native father, White.                          | 142   | 12.0 | 20.4 | 2.8 | 7.0  | 22.5 | 23.9 | 11.3 |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 106   | 15.1 | 23.6 | 3.8 | 7.5  | 14.2 | 22.6 | 13.2 |
| Foreign-born:   |       |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |
| German.....   | 95    | 10.5 | 10.5 | 2.1 | 8.4  | 15.8 | 20.0 | 32.6 |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 184   | 15.8 | 19.6 | 4.9 | 14.7 | 18.5 | 17.4 | 9.2  |
| Italian, South.....   | 460   | 25.4 | 20.4 | 2.4 | 6.1  | 15.9 | 17.8 | 12.0 |
| Polish.....   | 547   | 20.7 | 26.5 | 5.7 | 9.0  | 13.3 | 16.6 | 8.2  |
| Syrian.....   | 94    | 23.4 | 6.4  | 1.1 | 4.3  | 31.9 | 20.2 | 12.8 |
| Grand total.....  | 1,628 | 19.9 | 21.2 | 3.8 | 8.2  | 16.7 | 18.5 | 11.7 |
| Total native-born of foreign father..                         | 106   | 15.1 | 23.6 | 3.8 | 7.5  | 14.2 | 22.6 | 13.2 |
| Total native-born.....  | 248   | 13.3 | 21.8 | 3.2 | 7.3  | 19.0 | 23.4 | 12.1 |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 1,380 | 21.1 | 21.1 | 3.9 | 8.4  | 16.3 | 17.6 | 11.6 |

TOTAL.

|   |       |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |
|---|-------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Native-born of native father, White.                          | 287   | 13.9 | 19.2 | 3.1 | 7.7  | 19.2 | 23.7 | 13.2 |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 219   | 15.5 | 19.6 | 2.7 | 11.0 | 17.8 | 20.5 | 12.8 |
| Foreign-born:   |       |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |
| German.....   | 182   | 8.8  | 11.0 | 2.7 | 7.7  | 21.4 | 19.2 | 29.1 |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 367   | 20.4 | 16.3 | 4.4 | 11.2 | 19.3 | 18.5 | 9.8  |
| Italian, South.....   | 1,051 | 24.5 | 20.6 | 2.7 | 5.1  | 16.3 | 19.6 | 11.3 |
| Polish.....   | 1,129 | 21.1 | 25.7 | 5.2 | 10.3 | 12.4 | 18.3 | 9.0  |
| Syrian.....   | 202   | 21.8 | 5.9  | 1.5 | 5.9  | 37.1 | 19.3 | 8.4  |
| Grand total.....  | 3,437 | 20.5 | 20.3 | 3.7 | 8.2  | 17.2 | 18.8 | 11.4 |
| Total native-born of foreign father..                         | 219   | 15.5 | 19.6 | 2.7 | 11.0 | 17.8 | 20.5 | 12.8 |
| Total native-born.....  | 506   | 14.6 | 19.4 | 3.0 | 9.1  | 18.6 | 22.3 | 13.0 |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 2,931 | 21.5 | 20.4 | 3.8 | 8.1  | 16.9 | 18.2 | 11.2 |

In South Italian households are found the largest proportion of very young children; this race and the Syrians, Polish, and Russian Hebrews all have more than 20 per cent of the members of their households under 6 years of age. The Germans of foreign birth have only 8.8 per cent of very young children, the smallest percentage of any race. Fifty-two per cent, or more than half, of the members of Polish households are children under 16; 47.8 per cent of the members of South Italian households are under 16; 29.2 per cent of the Syrians, who are, on the whole, the youngest of all families, and 22.5 per cent of the Germans, who are, on the whole, the oldest of all families, are not yet 16 years of age. Syrian children have not, as a rule, reached the ages between 6 and 16, and German children have in most cases passed this age. Of the 3,437 members of households included in the table 44.5 per cent are under 16 years of age, 52.7 per cent are under 20 years of age, 69.9 per cent are under 30 years of age, and 88.7 per cent are under 45 years of age.

## YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The length of residence of foreign-born male heads of households in the United States is given below in a table derived from General Table 64.

TABLE 13.—*Number and per cent of foreign-born male heads of households in the United States under 5 years, 5 to 9 years, etc., by race of individual.*

[By years in the United States is meant years since first arrival in the United States. No deduction is made for time spent abroad.]

| Race of individual.  | Number reporting complete data. | Number in the United States each specified number of years. |         |           |             | Per cent in the United States each specified number of years. |         |           |             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------|-----------|-------------|---|---------|-----------|-------------|
|                      |                                 | Under 5.  | 5 to 9. | 10 to 19. | 20 or over. | Under 5.  | 5 to 9. | 10 to 19. | 20 or over. |
| German.....          | 31                              | 2   | 1       | 3         | 25          | 6.5   | 3.2     | 9.7       | 80.6        |
| Hebrew, Russian..... | 65                              | 28  | 11      | 17        | 9           | 43.1  | 16.9    | 26.2      | 13.8        |
| Italian, South.....  | 205                             | 26  | 62      | 77        | 40          | 12.7  | 30.2    | 37.6      | 19.5        |
| Polish.....          | 179                             | 25  | 34      | 68        | 52          | 14.0  | 19.0    | 38.0      | 29.1        |
| Syrian.....          | 44                              | 5   | 24      | 15        | .....       | 11.4  | 54.5    | 34.1      | .0          |
| Total.....           | 524                             | 86  | 132     | 180       | 126         | 16.4  | 25.2    | 34.4      | 24.0        |

Thirty-four and four-tenths per cent, or more than one-third, of the foreign-born male heads of households have been in the United States between ten and twenty years, 24 per cent have been here twenty years or more, and 41.6 per cent have been here less than ten years. Only 16.4 per cent have been in the country less than five years. The Germans are the oldest immigrants. Eighty and six-tenths per cent have been in the country at least twenty years, 90.3 per cent have been here at least ten years, and only 6.5 per cent have been here less than five years. The Russian Hebrews and the Syrians are, on the whole, the most recent immigrants. The Russian Hebrews show by far the largest proportion of those who have come within five years, but the Syrians have the largest proportion of those who have come within ten years. The Poles, although they have a slightly higher proportion of very recent immigrants than the South Italians, have a considerably higher proportion of immigrants of twenty years' standing and are, on the whole, of longer residence in the United States than any race except the Germans.





## CHAPTER IV.

### LIVING CONDITIONS.

#### CONGESTION.<sup>a</sup>

The dwelling which is typical of three of the districts studied in Buffalo is the detached one or two story cottage, narrow and long, which accommodates from two to four households. Single-family houses also are not uncommon. In the Polish district, however, there are two or three large tenements in bad condition.

The Italian district seems to have no distinct type of tenement. In many cases old buildings, originally with large rooms used for business purposes, have been adapted to dwelling purposes, and the method of alteration has given rise to a peculiar type of room. The tenant, or the landlord at the tenant's request, has divided the single large room into two or more smaller rooms by means of "head-high" partitions. If the ceiling of the original room is high, the little interior rooms may be both light and airy; if the outer room is low and ill-ventilated they are unfit for dwelling purposes. The tenement-house law, which has been in effect in Buffalo since January 1, 1902, provides that every interior room shall have, in addition to the doorway, an opening of at least 15 square feet into an outer room which is provided with a window into the outer air. This opening may be either a window or an alcove opening.<sup>b</sup> Tenement-house inspectors differ in their interpretation of the law. The tenement inspector of the Italian district at the time this study was made decided that in the case of a wooden partition not built up to the ceiling the open space between the top of the partition and the ceiling might be counted as part or all of the 15 square feet. In the following tables these "head-high" rooms are counted as rooms.

The number of rooms per apartment is given in the table which follows. The table is derived from General Table 66.

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<sup>a</sup> Congestion depends on many conditions other than the number of persons or adults per room and per sleeping room. Most of these conditions are not susceptible of statistical measurement, and no definite line can be drawn where overcrowding begins. In this section of the report the terms "congestion" and "degree of congestion" are expressly restricted to a comparison of the number of persons or adults per room and per sleeping room.

<sup>b</sup> See New York tenement-house act, p. 79.

TABLE 14.—*Per cent of households occupying apartments of each specified number of rooms, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of households. | Average number of rooms per apartment. | Per cent of households occupying apartments of each specified number of rooms |      |      |      |      |      |            |
|---|-----------------------------|--|---|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
|   |                             |  | 1.  | 2.   | 3.   | 4.   | 5.   | 6.   | 7 or more. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64                          | 4.83                                   | 0.0   | 3.1  | 9.4  | 43.8 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 12.5       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                          | 5.27                                   | 2.1   | 2.1  | 6.3  | 18.7 | 29.2 | 31.3 | 10.4       |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |  |   |      |      |      |      |      |            |
| German.....   | 47                          | 5.49                                   | .0  | 4.3  | 4.3  | 21.3 | 21.3 | 27.7 | 21.3       |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                          | 4.88                                   | 2.8   | .0   | 8.3  | 36.1 | 23.6 | 15.3 | 13.9       |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 2.88                                   | 7.1   | 28.8 | 45.3 | 10.8 | 4.7  | 2.4  | .9         |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 3.70                                   | 1.5   | 24.7 | 9.8  | 40.2 | 16.5 | 5.2  | 2.1        |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 3.60                                   | 10.0  | 16.0 | 22.0 | 28.0 | 14.0 | 4.0  | 6.0        |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 3.90                                   | 3.8   | 17.8 | 20.8 | 27.4 | 14.6 | 9.6  | 6.1        |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                          | 5.27                                   | 2.1   | 2.1  | 6.3  | 18.7 | 29.2 | 31.3 | 10.4       |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                         | 5.02                                   | .9  | 2.7  | 8.0  | 33.0 | 21.4 | 22.3 | 11.6       |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575                         | 3.68                                   | 4.3   | 20.7 | 23.3 | 26.3 | 13.2 | 7.1  | 5.0        |

The most usual single size of apartment occupied by the above households is the apartment of four rooms; but only 27.4 per cent of the households studied live in apartments of this size, while 42.4 per cent live in smaller apartments and 30.3 live in larger apartments. Immigrant households as a rule occupy smaller apartments than do the native-born. The average number of rooms among foreign households is 3.68 and among native households is 5.02; of foreign households 25 per cent and of native 3.6 per cent live in apartments of one or two rooms, and 48.3 per cent and 11.6 per cent, respectively, live in apartments of fewer than four rooms.

The average size of the South Italian apartments is lowest of all the races, and a larger proportion of the households of this race than of any other live in two rooms and three rooms. When the facts are recalled that some of these rooms are "head-high," and that the households of the race have a larger proportion of men who are boarders and lodgers than any other race, the difference in the standing of this and the other races is accentuated. The Germans of the two generations average the largest number of rooms per apartment and have the smallest proportions of apartments of fewer than four rooms and the largest proportions of apartments of more than four rooms.

The size of households studied is shown in the following table, which is derived from General Table 67.

TABLE 15.—*Per cent of households of each specified number of persons, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of households. | Average number of persons per household. | Per cent of households of each specified number of persons. |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |             |
|---|-----------------------------|--|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|
|   |                             |  | 1.  | 2.   | 3.   | 4.   | 5.   | 6.   | 7.   | 8.   | 9.   | 10 or more. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64                          | 4.48                                     | 1.6   | 18.8 | 21.9 | 12.5 | 21.9 | 6.3  | 3.1  | 7.8  | 3.1  | 3.1         |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                          | 4.58                                     | 8.3   | 14.6 | 14.6 | 10.4 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 8.3  | 2.1  | 6.3  | 2.1         |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |  |   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |             |
| German.....   | 47                          | 3.91                                     | 6.4   | 17.0 | 25.5 | 17.0 | 19.1 | 6.4  | 6.4  | .0   | .0   | 2.1         |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                          | 5.14                                     | 1.4   | 8.3  | 9.7  | 23.6 | 18.1 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 6.9  | 5.6  | 1.4         |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 5.43                                     | .5  | 5.7  | 13.7 | 16.0 | 17.5 | 19.3 | 11.3 | 8.5  | 3.8  | 3.8         |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 5.90                                     | 1.0   | 8.8  | 12.4 | 12.9 | 10.8 | 12.4 | 11.9 | 10.8 | 10.3 | 8.8         |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 4.08                                     | 4.0   | 18.0 | 20.0 | 18.0 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 4.0  | 4.0  | .0   | .0          |
| Grand total....   | 687                         | 5.18                                     | 2.0   | 10.3 | 15.0 | 15.4 | 16.0 | 14.1 | 9.8  | 7.6  | 5.4  | 4.4         |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                          | 4.58                                     | 8.3   | 14.6 | 14.6 | 10.4 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 8.3  | 2.1  | 6.3  | 2.1         |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                         | 4.53                                     | 4.5   | 17.0 | 18.7 | 11.6 | 19.6 | 10.7 | 5.4  | 5.4  | 4.5  | 2.7         |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575                         | 5.31                                     | 1.6   | 9.0  | 14.3 | 16.2 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 10.6 | 8.0  | 5.6  | 4.7         |

Among the 687 households studied, wide variation in size of households is apparent. The most common household consists of five persons, households of four persons are almost as common, and households of three and of six persons are only a little less usual. If the per cents of households of the two most usual sizes be combined and the per cents of households above and below these sizes be shown separately, the result is as follows:

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | 1, 2, and 3 persons. | 4 and 5 persons. | 6 or more persons. |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 42.3                 | 34.4             | 23.4               |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 37.5                 | 27.1             | 35.5               |
| Foreign-born:   |                      |                  |                    |
| German.....   | 48.9                 | 36.1             | 14.9               |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 19.4                 | 41.7             | 38.9               |
| Italian, South.....   | 19.9                 | 33.5             | 46.7               |
| Polish.....   | 22.2                 | 23.7             | 54.2               |
| Syrian.....   | 42.0                 | 34.0             | 24.0               |
| Grand total.....  | 27.3                 | 31.4             | 41.3               |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 37.5                 | 27.1             | 35.5               |
| Total native-born.....  | 40.2                 | 31.2             | 28.7               |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 24.9                 | 31.5             | 43.7               |

Households of fewer than four persons prevail among the native-born and households of more than five persons prevail among the foreign-born. Of the several races the Germans of foreign birth have the highest proportion of small households and the lowest proportion of large households; the native-born of native father and the Syrians are next in order to the Germans as regards proportions both of small and of large households. The second-generation Germans have a high proportion of small households, but they have also a

high proportion of large households. Hebrews, South Italians, and Poles have low percentages of small households and high percentages of large households, the Poles having, on the whole, the largest households, the South Italians second largest, and the Hebrews third largest.

The average number of persons per apartment of each specified size is given in the table below wherever a race is represented by 10 or more apartments of any given size. The table is based on General Table 68.

TABLE 16.—Average number of persons in apartments of each specified number of rooms, by general nativity and race of head of household.

| General nativity and race of individual.                      | Average number of persons in apartments of each specified number of rooms. |      |      |      |      |      |            | Total. |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|------|------------|--------|
|   | 1.   | 2.   | 3.   | 4.   | 5.   | 6.   | 7 or more. |        |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  | 3.96 | 4.70 | 5.20 | (a)        | 4.48   |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  | 3.64 | 6.00 | (a)        | 4.58   |
| Foreign-born:   |  |      |      |      |      |      |            |        |
| German.....   | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  | 4.50 | 3.80 | 3.92 | 4.20       | 3.91   |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  | 5.23 | 4.82 | 6.00 | 6.40       | 5.14   |
| Italian, South.....   | 3.67   | 4.70 | 5.60 | 6.78 | 6.90 | (a)  | (a)        | 5.43   |
| Polish.....   | (a)  | 3.83 | 5.53 | 6.56 | 7.25 | 8.10 | (a)        | 5.90   |
| Syrian.....   | (a)  | (a)  | 3.82 | 4.93 | (a)  | (a)  | (a)        | 4.08   |
| Grand total.....  | 3.04   | 4.11 | 5.15 | 5.68 | 5.55 | 5.76 | 5.71       | 5.18   |
| Total native-born of foreign father....                       | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  | 3.64 | 6.00 | (a)        | 4.58   |
| Total native-born.....  | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  | 4.05 | 4.08 | 5.68 | 6.00       | 4.53   |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 3.12   | 4.17 | 5.26 | 6.08 | 6.01 | 5.80 | 5.59       | 5.31   |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

Average persons per apartment are shown both for native and foreign born in apartments of four rooms and upward. In 4-room apartments and in 5-room apartments the immigrants average about two persons more per apartment than do the native-born, but in 6-room apartments the average for the foreign-born is only a little higher. The high averages in apartments of all sizes among the foreign-born are due largely to the size of Polish and South Italian households.

From the above averages the average number of persons per room in the apartments of the several sizes may easily be obtained. These averages are:

| Apartments of— | Persons per room. | Apartments of— | Persons per room. |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 room.....    | 3.04              | 4 rooms.....   | 1.42              |
| 2 rooms.....   | 2.06              | 5 rooms.....   | 1.11              |
| 3 rooms.....   | 1.72              | 6 rooms.....   | .95               |

From the above showing it follows that, in general, congestion per room decreases as the number of rooms increases.

The number and per cent of persons per room regardless of the size of the apartment occupied are shown in the table which follows. The table presents the data of General Table 69 in the form of cumulative numbers and percentages.

TABLE 17.—*Number and per cent of households which have each specified number of persons per room, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of households. | Average number of persons per room. | Number of households having each specified number of persons per room. |            |            |            | Per cent of households having each specified number of persons per room. |            |            |            |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------|------------|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|
|   |                             |                                     | 1 or more.   | 2 or more. | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 1 or more.   | 2 or more. | 3 or more. | 4 or more. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64                          | 0.93                                | 30   | 4          | .....      | .....      | 46.9   | 6.3        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                          | .87                                 | 23   | .....      | .....      | .....      | 47.9   | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |                                     |  |            |            |            |  |            |            |            |
| German.....   | 47                          | .71                                 | 12   | 1          | 1          | .....      | 25.5   | 2.1        | 2.1        | .0         |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                          | 1.05                                | 46   | 4          | 2          | .....      | 63.9   | 5.6        | 2.8        | .0         |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 1.88                                | 201  | 123        | 39         | 10         | 94.8   | 58.0       | 18.4       | 4.7        |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 1.60                                | 174  | 71         | 12         | 1          | 89.7   | 36.6       | 6.2        | .5         |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 1.13                                | 37   | 10         | 1          | .....      | 74.0   | 20.0       | 2.0        | .0         |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 1.33                                | 523  | 213        | 55         | 11         | 76.1   | 31.0       | 8.0        | 1.6        |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                          | .87                                 | 23   | .....      | .....      | .....      | 47.9   | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                         | .90                                 | 53   | 4          | .....      | .....      | 47.3   | 3.6        | .0         | .0         |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575                         | 1.44                                | 470  | 209        | 55         | 11         | 81.7   | 36.3       | 9.6        | 1.9        |

Of the 687 households 523, or 76.1 per cent, average one or more persons per room; 213, or 31 per cent, average at least two persons per room; 55, or 8 per cent, average at least three persons per room; and 11, or 1.6 per cent, average at least four persons per room. Of the immigrant households 81.7 per cent and of the native households only 47.3 per cent average one or more persons per room; of the foreign, 9.6 per cent average as many as three persons per room, but none of the native households has so high an average.

The highest degree of congestion—namely, four or more persons per room—is found in 10 cases among the South Italians and in one case among the Poles. The South Italians have the highest average of persons per room for all households and the highest per cent of households of each specified degree of congestion. The Poles are second to the South Italians. In this connection, however, it should be recalled that the South Italians have much the larger proportion of boarders and lodgers in their households, and that almost without exception the boarders and lodgers are adult males; also that they live in tenements in poorer repair and with fewer conveniences than do the Poles. Their relative disadvantage is, therefore, greater than indicated by the difference in ratios. The immigrant Germans show on the whole the lowest degree of congestion and the races of native birth show the next lowest degrees, the position of the native-born of native father being third from the highest in the table.

A second aspect of congestion is the ratio of persons to sleeping rooms. A large proportionate amount of the time when the apartment is fully occupied is spent in sleeping, when as a rule certain rooms are left vacant, with a resulting increase in numbers in the rooms occupied. The data in respect to persons per sleeping room appear in the table next submitted, which presents the numbers of General Table 70 in cumulative form and supplements them with cumulative per cents.

TABLE 18.—*Number and per cent of households which have each specified number of persons per sleeping room, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.              | Number reporting complete data. | Average number of persons per sleeping room. | Number of households having each specified number of persons per sleeping room. |            |            |            |            | Per cent of households having each specified number of persons per sleeping room. |            |            |            |            |
|--|---------------------------------|--|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|  |                                 |  | 2 or more.  | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 5 or more. | 6 or more. | 2 or more.  | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 5 or more. | 6 or more. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                     | 63                              | 1.91   | 33  | 6          | 1          | .....      | .....      | 52.4  | 9.5        | 1.6        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German.... | 48                              | 1.83   | 22  | 5          | 1          | .....      | .....      | 45.8  | 10.4       | 2.1        | .0         | .0         |
| Foreign-born:  |                                 |  |   |            |            |            |            |   |            |            |            |            |
| German.....  | 47                              | 1.60   | 18  | 3          | 1          | 1          | 1          | 38.3  | 6.4        | 2.1        | 2.1        | 2.1        |
| Hebrew, Russian  | 72                              | 2.07   | 49  | 13         | 1          | .....      | .....      | 68.1  | 18.1       | 1.4        | .0         | .0         |
| Italian, South.....  | 209                             | 2.64   | 171   | 104        | 36         | 9          | 5          | 81.8  | 49.8       | 17.2       | 4.3        | 2.4        |
| Polish.....  | 193                             | 2.86   | 166   | 102        | 47         | 13         | 4          | 86.0  | 52.8       | 24.4       | 6.7        | 2.1        |
| Syrian.....  | 50                              | 1.87   | 29  | 8          | 2          | 1          | .....      | 58.0  | 16.0       | 4.0        | 2.0        | .0         |
| Grand total.....   | 682                             | 2.38   | 488   | 241        | 89         | 24         | 10         | 71.6  | 35.3       | 13.0       | 3.5        | 1.5        |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                     | 48                              | 1.83   | 22  | 5          | 1          | .....      | .....      | 45.8  | 10.4       | 2.1        | .0         | .0         |
| Total native-born.....                                       | 111                             | 1.87   | 55  | 11         | 2          | .....      | .....      | 49.5  | 9.9        | 1.8        | .0         | .0         |
| Total foreign-born.....                                      | 571                             | 2.48   | 433   | 230        | 87         | 24         | 10         | 75.8  | 40.3       | 15.2       | 4.2        | 1.8        |

There are 488, or 71.6 per cent, of the 682 households which have two or more persons per sleeping room; 241, or 35.3 per cent, which have at least three persons; 89, or 13.0 per cent, which have at least four; 24, or 3.5 per cent, which have at least five; and 10, or 1.5 per cent, which have at least six. The ten households which have the highest degree of congestion per sleeping room are South Italian in five cases, Polish in four cases, and foreign-born German in one case. The Poles, who have second from the highest ratio of persons per room, have the highest ratio of persons per sleeping room; in other words, the Poles as compared with the South Italians tend at night to crowd into fewer of the rooms at their disposal. The immigrant Germans, although they have one instance of at least six persons per sleeping room, have on the whole the least congestion per sleeping room. The Germans of native birth and the native-born of native father have the next lowest degrees of congestion per sleeping room. Of the foreign-born the Syrians are, next to the Germans, the least crowded, and the Russian Hebrews follow the Syrians in this respect.

For convenience of comparison the average number of persons per apartment, per room, and per sleeping room are restated below:

TABLE 19.—Average number of persons per apartment, per room, and per sleeping room, by general nativity and race of head of household.

| General nativity and race of head of household.           | Total number of households. | Average number of persons per— |       |                   |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
|   |                             | Apartment.                     | Room. | Sleeping room.    |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                  | 64                          | 4.48                           | 0.93  | <sup>a</sup> 1.91 |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German. | 48                          | 4.58                           | .87   | 1.83              |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |                                |       |                   |
| German.....   | 47                          | 3.91                           | .71   | 1.60              |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                                      | 72                          | 5.14                           | 1.05  | 2.07              |
| Italian, South.....                                       | 212                         | 5.43                           | 1.88  | <sup>b</sup> 2.64 |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 5.90                           | 1.60  | <sup>c</sup> 2.86 |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 4.08                           | 1.13  | 1.87              |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 5.18                           | 1.33  | <sup>d</sup> 2.38 |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                  | 48                          | 4.58                           | .87   | 1.83              |
| Total native-born.....                                    | 112                         | 4.53                           | .90   | <sup>e</sup> 1.87 |
| Total foreign-born.....                                   | 575                         | 5.31                           | 1.44  | <sup>f</sup> 2.48 |

<sup>a</sup> Based on 63 households.

<sup>b</sup> Based on 209 households.

<sup>c</sup> Based on 193 households.

<sup>d</sup> Based on 682 households.

<sup>e</sup> Based on 111 households.

<sup>f</sup> Based on 571 households.

The native-born have on the whole smaller households and a lower degree of congestion per room and per sleeping room than the foreign-born. The foreign-born average over five persons per apartment, over one person per room, and over two persons per sleeping room; the native-born average over four persons per apartment, less than one person per room, and less than two persons per sleeping room. The Germans of foreign birth have the smallest households and the lowest degree of congestion per room and per sleeping room, and the South Italians and Poles have the largest households and the highest degree of congestion per room and per sleeping room.

A somewhat different measure of congestion, which makes allowance for the presence of young children in the households studied, is afforded by the following series of six tables, in which all persons 10 years or over are counted as adults and all persons under 10 years of age have half the value of adults. The table which is concerned with adults per room gives the data of General Table 71 in the form of cumulative numbers and per cents.



TABLE 20.—*Number and per cent of households which have each specified number of adults per room, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

(In this table each person 10 years of age or over is considered an adult and two persons under 10, one adult.)

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of households. | Average number of adults per room. | Number of households having each specified number of adults per room. |            |            |            | Per cent of households having each specified number of adults per room. |            |            |            |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|------------|
|   |                             |                                    | 1 or more.  | 2 or more. | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 1 or more.  | 2 or more. | 3 or more. | 4 or more. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64                          | 0.82                               | 22  | .....      | .....      | .....      | 34.4  | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                          | .75                                | 15  | .....      | .....      | .....      | 31.3  | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |                                    |   |            |            |            |   |            |            |            |
| German.....   | 47                          | .66                                | 10  | 1          | .....      | .....      | 21.3  | 2.1        | .0         | .0         |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                          | .90                                | 31  | 3          | 1          | .....      | 43.1  | 4.2        | 1.4        | .0         |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 1.56                               | 192   | 66         | 11         | 4          | 90.6  | 31.1       | 5.2        | 1.9        |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 1.33                               | 158   | 32         | 1          | 1          | 81.4  | 16.5       | .5         | .5         |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | .99                                | 28  | 5          | .....      | .....      | 56.0  | 10.0       | .0         | .0         |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 1.12                               | 456   | 107        | 13         | 5          | 66.4  | 15.6       | 1.9        | .7         |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                          | .75                                | 15  | .....      | .....      | .....      | 31.3  | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                         | .79                                | 37  | .....      | .....      | .....      | 33.0  | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575                         | 1.21                               | 419   | 107        | 13         | 5          | 72.9  | 18.6       | 2.3        | .9         |

Only 37 or 33 per cent of the native households have one or more adults per room and none has as many as two adults per room. Four hundred and nineteen, or 72.9 per cent, of the foreign-born have one or more adults per room, 107, or 18.6 per cent have as many as two adults per room, 13, or 1.9 per cent have as many as three adults per room, and five, or 0.7 per cent have at least four adults per room. The average number of adults per room in native households is 0.79 and in foreign households is 1.21. The high average in foreign households is due to the South Italians and Poles, who are the only races with averages of over one adult per room. The South Italians average 1.56 adults per room and have also the highest percentages of households of each specified degree of congestion; the Poles average 1.33 adults per room and show by their distribution a larger amount of congestion than any other race except the Italian.

The data relative to adults per sleeping room, which appear in General Table 72, are presented in the form of cumulative numbers and percentages.

TABLE 21.—*Number and per cent of households which have each specified number of adults per sleeping room, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

[In this table each person 10 years of age or over is considered an adult and two persons under 10 one adult.]

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number reporting complete data. | Average number of adults per sleeping room. | Number of households having each specified number of adults per sleeping room. |            |            |            |            | Per cent of households having each specified number of adults per sleeping room. |            |            |            |            |
|---|---------------------------------|---|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   |                                 |   | 2 or more.   | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 5 or more. | 6 or more. | 2 or more.   | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 5 or more. | 6 or more. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 63                              | 1.68  | 26   | 1          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 41.3   | 1.6        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                              | 1.58  | 12   | 1          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 25.0   | 2.1        | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |   |  |            |            |            |            |  |            |            |            |            |
| German.....   | 47                              | 1.48  | 12   | 2          | 1          | 1          | .....      | 25.5   | 4.3        | 2.1        | 2.1        | .0         |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                              | 1.77  | 32   | 2          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 44.4   | 2.8        | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Italian, South.....   | 209                             | 2.19  | 147  | 42         | 8          | 2          | 2          | 70.3   | 20.1       | 3.8        | 1.0        | 1.0        |
| Polish.....   | 193                             | 2.38  | 139  | 57         | 18         | .....      | .....      | 72.0   | 23.5       | 9.3        | .0         | .0         |
| Syrian.....   | 50                              | 1.63  | 19   | 2          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 38.0   | 4.0        | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Grand total.....  | 682                             | 2.00  | 387  | 107        | 27         | 3          | 2          | 56.7   | 15.7       | 4.0        | .4         | .3         |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                              | 1.58  | 12   | 1          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 25.0   | 2.1        | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Total native-born.....  | 111                             | 1.64  | 38   | 2          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 34.2   | 1.8        | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 571                             | 2.07  | 349  | 105        | 27         | 3          | 2          | 61.1   | 18.4       | 4.7        | .5         | .4         |

When measured in terms of adults the congestion per sleeping room among the native-born reaches its height in the case of two households having as many as three adults per sleeping room and among the foreign-born in the case of two households having as many as six per sleeping room. The two cases of six or more adults per sleeping room occur in South Italian households. Polish households, however, have considerably larger proportions of their number with as many as three and as many as four adults per sleeping room than have the South Italians, and also have the higher average of adults per sleeping room. These two are the only races which average as many as two adults per sleeping room. They raise the average for all immigrant households to slightly above two adults.

The average numbers of adults per apartment, per room, and per sleeping room are given in parallel columns below.

TABLE 22.—*Average number of adults per apartment, per room, and per sleeping room by general nativity and race of head of household.*

[In this table each person 10 years of age or over is considered an adult and two persons under 10, one adult.]

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of households. | Average number of adults per— |       |                |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|----------------|
|   |                             | Apartment.                    | Room. | Sleeping room. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64                          | 3.97                          | 0.82  | a 1.63         |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                          | 3.96                          | .75   | 1.58           |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |                               |       |                |
| German.....   | 47                          | 3.62                          | .66   | 1.48           |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                          | 4.41                          | .90   | 1.77           |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 4.49                          | 1.56  | b 2.19         |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 4.91                          | 1.33  | c 2.38         |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 3.55                          | .99   | 1.63           |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 4.39                          | 1.12  | d 2.00         |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                          | 3.96                          | .75   | 1.58           |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                         | 3.96                          | .79   | e 1.64         |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575                         | 4.47                          | 1.21  | f 2.07         |

a Based on 63 households.

c Based on 193 households.

e Based on 111 households.

b Based on 209 households.

d Based on 682 households.

f Based on 571 households.

The average of adults per apartment is greatest among the Poles, who are followed in order by the South Italians, the Russian Hebrews, the native-born of native father, the second generation Germans, the foreign-born Germans, and the Syrians. Although households when reduced to adults are smallest among the Syrians, the apartments of the Syrians are enough smaller than the apartments of the native white of native father and the Germans of both generations to raise the average of adults per room above the averages for these races. The native white are, however, inclined to reserve proportionally more room than the Syrians for living purposes exclusive of sleeping, and their average number of adults per sleeping room is therefore higher than the average for the Syrians.

The following table summarizes the situation in regard to congestion in the 687 households studied, so far as this can be done by means of averages:

TABLE 23.—Average number of persons and of adults per apartment, per room, and per sleeping room, by general nativity and race of head of household.

| General nativity and race of head of household.                | Total number of households. | Average number per apartment. |         | Average number per room. |         | Average number per sleeping room. |                   |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
|  |                             | Persons.                      | Adults. | Persons.                 | Adults. | Persons.                          | Adults.           |
| Native-born of native father, White .....                      | 64                          | 4.48                          | 3.97    | 0.93                     | 0.82    | <sup>a</sup> 1.91                 | <sup>a</sup> 1.68 |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German ..... | 48                          | 4.58                          | 3.96    | .87                      | .75     | 1.83                              | 1.58              |
| Foreign-born:  |                             |                               |         |                          |         |                                   |                   |
| German .....   | 47                          | 3.91                          | 3.62    | .71                      | .66     | 1.60                              | 1.48              |
| Hebrew, Russian .....  | 72                          | 5.14                          | 4.41    | 1.05                     | .90     | 2.07                              | 1.77              |
| Italian, South .....   | 212                         | 5.43                          | 4.49    | 1.88                     | 1.56    | <sup>b</sup> 2.64                 | <sup>b</sup> 2.19 |
| Polish .....   | 194                         | 5.90                          | 4.91    | 1.60                     | 1.33    | <sup>c</sup> 2.86                 | <sup>c</sup> 2.38 |
| Syrian .....   | 50                          | 4.08                          | 3.55    | 1.13                     | .99     | 1.87                              | 1.63              |
| Grand total .....  | 687                         | 5.18                          | 4.39    | 1.33                     | 1.12    | <sup>d</sup> 2.38                 | <sup>d</sup> 2.00 |
| Total native-born of foreign father .....                      | 48                          | 4.58                          | 3.96    | .87                      | .75     | 1.83                              | 1.58              |
| Total native-born .....  | 112                         | 4.53                          | 3.96    | .90                      | .79     | <sup>e</sup> 1.87                 | <sup>e</sup> 1.64 |
| Total foreign-born .....                                       | 575                         | 5.31                          | 4.47    | 1.44                     | 1.21    | <sup>f</sup> 2.48                 | <sup>f</sup> 2.07 |

<sup>a</sup> Based on 63 households.

<sup>b</sup> Based on 209 households.

<sup>c</sup> Based on 193 households.

<sup>d</sup> Based on 682 households.

<sup>e</sup> Based on 111 households.

<sup>f</sup> Based on 571 households.

If the races be arranged in the six columns of averages in order from highest to lowest, the following facts will appear: (1) The converting of persons to adults does not change the standing of the Poles, South Italians, and Russian Hebrews as the first, second, and third largest households; it does change the relative positions of the native-born of native father and the second generation Germans and of the foreign-born Germans and Syrians. (2) The immigrant Germans have the lowest degree of congestion per room and per sleeping room and the second generation Germans the second lowest, whether measured by persons or adults. The South Italians have the highest degree of congestion per room and the second highest degree per sleeping room, the Poles having the highest degree per sleeping room and the second highest degree per room, whether measured by persons or by adults. The Russian Hebrews occupy most nearly the medium position, being fourth from the most congested per room and third from the most congested per sleeping room.

The two tables which follow divide immigrant races into three groups according to the period of residence of the head in the United States and for each group present the data in regard to adults per room and per sleeping room. The following table is derived from General Table 73:

TABLE 24.—*Number and per cent of foreign households which have each specified number of adults per room, by race of head and by years head has been in the United States.*

[In this table each person 10 years of age or over is considered an adult, and two persons under 10 one adult. By years in the United States is meant years since first arrival in the United States.]

IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER 5 YEARS.

| Race of head of household. | Number reporting complete data. | Average number of adults per room. | Number of households having each specified number of adults per room. |            |            |            | Per cent of households having each specified number of adults per room. |            |            |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|------------|
|                            |                                 |                                    | 1 or more.  | 2 or more. | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 1 or more.  | 2 or more. | 3 or more. | 4 or more. |
| German.....                | 2                               | (a)                                | .....   | .....      | .....      | .....      | (a)   | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....       | 28                              | 1.03                               | 17  | 2          | .....      | .....      | 60.7  | 7.1        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Italian, South.....        | 26                              | 1.62                               | 23  | 11         | 2          | 1          | 88.5  | 42.3       | 7.7        | 3.8        |
| Polish.....                | 25                              | 1.32                               | 22  | 3          | .....      | .....      | 88.0  | 12.0       | .0         | .0         |
| Syrian.....                | 9                               | (a)                                | 8   | 3          | .....      | .....      | (a)   | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        |
| Total.....                 | 90                              | 1.23                               | 70  | 19         | 2          | 1          | 77.8  | 21.1       | 2.2        | 1.1        |

IN THE UNITED STATES 5 TO 9 YEARS.

| Race of head of household. | Number reporting complete data. | Average number of adults per room. | Number of households having each specified number of adults per room. |            |            |            | Per cent of households having each specified number of adults per room. |            |            |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|------------|
|                            |                                 |                                    | 1 or more.  | 2 or more. | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 1 or more.  | 2 or more. | 3 or more. | 4 or more. |
| German.....                | 1                               | (a)                                | .....   | .....      | .....      | .....      | (a)   | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....       | 11                              | 0.89                               | 6   | .....      | .....      | .....      | (a)   | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        |
| Italian, South.....        | 63                              | 1.60                               | 58  | 20         | 4          | 1          | 92.1  | 31.7       | 6.3        | 1.6        |
| Polish.....                | 34                              | 1.22                               | 28  | 5          | .....      | .....      | 82.4  | 14.7       | .0         | .0         |
| Syrian.....                | 26                              | 1.01                               | 16  | 2          | .....      | .....      | 61.5  | 7.7        | .0         | .0         |
| Total.....                 | 135                             | 1.26                               | 108   | 27         | 4          | 1          | 80.0  | 20.0       | 3.0        | .7         |

IN THE UNITED STATES 10 YEARS OR OVER.

| Race of head of household. | Number reporting complete data. | Average number of adults per room. | Number of households having each specified number of adults per room. |            |            |            | Per cent of households having each specified number of adults per room. |            |            |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|------------|
|                            |                                 |                                    | 1 or more.  | 2 or more. | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 1 or more.  | 2 or more. | 3 or more. | 4 or more. |
| German.....                | 44                              | 0.67                               | 10  | 1          | .....      | .....      | 22.7  | 2.3        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....       | 33                              | .82                                | 8   | 1          | .....      | .....      | 24.2  | 3.0        | 3.0        | .0         |
| Italian, South.....        | 121                             | 1.53                               | 109   | 35         | 5          | 2          | 90.1  | 28.9       | 4.1        | 1.7        |
| Polish.....                | 134                             | 1.35                               | 108   | 24         | 1          | 1          | 80.6  | 17.9       | .7         | .7         |
| Syrian.....                | 15                              | .87                                | 4   | .....      | .....      | .....      | (a)   | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        |
| Total.....                 | 347                             | 1.20                               | 239   | 61         | 7          | 3          | 68.9  | 17.6       | 2.0        | .9         |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

It might be supposed unfair to the races made up largely of recent arrivals to make racial comparisons in respect to congestion without taking into account the length of residence in this country. The table above makes due allowance for this factor. A study of the figures, however, does not reveal any uniform tendency toward a smaller degree of congestion with the lapse of time. The average number of adults per room in the group of households whose heads have been in the United States ten years or longer is slightly lower than the corresponding number in the other two groups. The proportions of extreme cases of congestion are somewhat higher among residents of from five to nine years than in either of the other groups. Neither can any uniform tendency be observed from a study of the individual races. The table does, however, enable a comparison of

the races within each residence group. It will be seen that in all three groups the South Italians and Poles maintain the position which they have held throughout the series of congestion tables. This showing, together with the fact that by far the largest proportions of the households of these races are included in the group of earlier residents, demonstrates that the unfavorable showing made by these races is not to any extent occasioned by recency of arrival in the United States.

The following table presents the data of General Table 74 in the form of cumulative numbers and percentages:

TABLE 25.—*Number and per cent of foreign households which have each specified number of adults per sleeping room, by race of head and by years head has been in the United States.*

[In this table each person 10 years of age or over is considered an adult and two persons under 10 one adult. By years in the United States is meant years since first arrival in the United States.]

IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER 5 YEARS.

| Race of head of household. | Number reporting complete data. | Average number of adults per sleeping room. | Number of households having each specified number of adults per sleeping room. |            |            |            |            | Per cent of households having each specified number of adults per sleeping room. |            |            |            |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                            |                                 |   | 2 or more.   | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 5 or more. | 6 or more. | 2 or more.   | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 5 or more. | 6 or more. |
| German.....                | 2                               | (a)   | .....  | .....      | .....      | .....      | .....      | (a)  | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....       | 28                              | 1.92  | 16   | 1          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 57.1   | 3.6        | 0.0        | 0.0        | 0.0        |
| Italian, South.....        | 25                              | 2.21  | 19   | 4          | 1          | .....      | .....      | 76.0   | 16.0       | 4.0        | .0         | .0         |
| Polish.....                | 25                              | 2.15  | 18   | 4          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 72.0   | 16.0       | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Syrian.....                | 9                               | (a)   | 6  | .....      | .....      | .....      | .....      | (a)  | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        |
| Total.....                 | 89                              | 2.04  | 59   | 9          | 1          | .....      | .....      | 66.3   | 10.1       | 1.1        | .0         | .0         |

IN THE UNITED STATES 5 TO 9 YEARS.

| Race of head of household. | Number reporting complete data. | Average number of adults per sleeping room. | Number of households having each specified number of adults per sleeping room. |            |            |            |            | Per cent of households having each specified number of adults per sleeping room. |            |            |            |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                            |                                 |   | 2 or more.   | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 5 or more. | 6 or more. | 2 or more.   | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 5 or more. | 6 or more. |
| German.....                | 1                               | (a)   | .....  | .....      | .....      | .....      | .....      | (a)  | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....       | 11                              | 1.78  | 5  | .....      | .....      | .....      | .....      | (a)  | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        |
| Italian, South.....        | 62                              | 2.16  | 41   | 10         | 4          | 1          | 1          | 66.1   | 16.1       | 6.5        | 1.6        | 1.6        |
| Polish.....                | 33                              | 2.22  | 24   | 9          | 2          | .....      | .....      | 72.7   | 27.3       | 6.1        | .0         | .0         |
| Syrian.....                | 26                              | 1.66  | 11   | 2          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 42.3   | 7.7        | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Total.....                 | 133                             | 2.01  | 81   | 21         | 6          | 1          | 1          | 60.9   | 15.8       | 4.5        | .8         | .8         |

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| Race of head of household. | Number reporting complete data. | Average number of adults per sleeping room. | Number of households having each specified number of adults per sleeping room. |            |            |            |            | Per cent of households having each specified number of adults per sleeping room. |            |            |            |            |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                            |                                 |   | 2 or more.   | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 5 or more. | 6 or more. | 2 or more.   | 3 or more. | 4 or more. | 5 or more. | 6 or more. |
| German.....                | 44                              | 1.50  | 12   | 2          | 1          | 1          | .....      | 27.3   | 4.5        | 2.3        | 2.3        | 0.0        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....       | 33                              | 1.66  | 11   | 1          | .....      | .....      | .....      | 33.3   | 3.0        | .0         | .0         | .0         |
| Italian, South.....        | 120                             | 2.20  | 87   | 28         | 3          | 1          | 1          | 72.5   | 23.3       | 2.5        | .8         | .8         |
| Polish.....                | 134                             | 2.45  | 97   | 44         | 16         | .....      | .....      | 72.4   | 32.8       | 11.9       | .0         | .0         |
| Syrian.....                | 15                              | 1.47  | 2  | .....      | .....      | .....      | .....      | (a)  | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        | (a)        |
| Total.....                 | 346                             | 2.11  | 209  | 75         | 20         | 2          | 1          | 60.4   | 21.7       | 5.8        | .6         | .3         |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

It will be recalled that in the previous table the South Italians and Poles show far more congestion of adults per room in each of the three residence groups than do the other races. They make a similar showing in regard to sleeping rooms, and may be said to be in a distinct class as regards congestion among immigrants.

Of the three races represented by 20 or more households in the group of recent immigrants, the South Italians have a rate of congestion per sleeping room, as measured by adults, a little higher than

have the Poles and considerably higher than have the Russian Hebrews.

Among immigrant households whose heads have been in the United States from five to nine years and among households whose heads have been in this country ten years or over the Poles make the worst showing with respect to congestion per sleeping room; the South Italians are second, and the Syrians are third.

The following table shows the number and per cent of households which use all rooms for sleeping purposes and the number and per cent which reserve one room and two rooms for living purposes other than sleeping. The table is based on General Table 75.

TABLE 26.—*Number and per cent of households regularly sleeping in all except each specified number of rooms, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number reporting complete data. | Average number of rooms per household. | Average number of sleeping rooms per household. | Number of households sleeping in— |                      |                       | Per cent of households sleeping in— |                      |                       |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|   |                                 |  |   | All rooms.                        | All except one room. | All except two rooms. | All rooms.                          | All except one room. | All except two rooms. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 63                              | a 4.83                                 | 2.37  | 1                                 | 9                    | 27                    | 1.6                                 | 14.3                 | 42.9                  |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                              | 5.27                                   | 2.50  | 1                                 | 4                    | 12                    | 2.1                                 | 8.3                  | 25.0                  |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |  |   |                                   |                      |                       |                                     |                      |                       |
| German.....   | 47                              | 5.49                                   | 2.45  | .....                             | 2                    | 17                    | .0                                  | 4.3                  | 36.2                  |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                              | 4.88                                   | 2.49  | 5                                 | 5                    | 31                    | 6.9                                 | 6.9                  | 43.1                  |
| Italian, South.....   | 209                             | b 2.88                                 | 2.05  | 77                                | 101                  | 24                    | 36.8                                | 48.3                 | 11.5                  |
| Polish.....   | 193                             | c 3.70                                 | 2.06  | 27                                | 55                   | 79                    | 14.0                                | 28.5                 | 40.9                  |
| Syrian.....   | 50                              | 3.60                                   | 2.18  | 7                                 | 23                   | 13                    | 14.0                                | 46.0                 | 26.0                  |
| Grand total.....  | 682                             | f 3.90                                 | 2.20  | 118                               | 199                  | 203                   | 17.3                                | 29.2                 | 29.8                  |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                              | 5.27                                   | 2.50  | 1                                 | 4                    | 12                    | 2.1                                 | 8.3                  | 25.0                  |
| Total native-born.....  | 111                             | d 5.02                                 | 2.42  | 2                                 | 13                   | 39                    | 1.8                                 | 11.7                 | 35.1                  |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 571                             | e 3.68                                 | 2.15  | 116                               | 186                  | 164                   | 20.3                                | 32.6                 | 28.7                  |

a Based on 64 households.

b Based on 212 households.

c Based on 194 households.

d Based on 112 households.

e Based on 575 households.

f Based on 687 households.

Of the 571 immigrant households included in this table, 116, or 20.3 per cent, use all rooms, including the kitchen, for sleeping purposes, 186, or 32.6 per cent, reserve one room, usually the kitchen, for living purposes exclusive of sleeping, and 164, or 28.7 per cent, reserve two rooms, usually the kitchen and a general living room, for other uses than sleeping. These high per cents are due largely to the presence of the South Italians. The proportions of native households sleeping in all rooms and in all rooms but one will be seen to be very much lower than the corresponding proportions of the foreign households.

The average number of rooms used for living purposes other than sleeping is 1.53 among foreign households and 2.60 among native households. The relative standing of the several races in respect to the average number of rooms not used for sleeping purposes is:

|                                   | Per cent. |                     | Per cent. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Germans, foreign-born.....        | 3.04      | Polish.....         | 1.64      |
| Germans, native-born.....         | 2.77      | Syrians.....        | 1.42      |
| Native-born of native father..... | 2.46      | South Italians..... | .83       |
| Russian Hebrews.....              | 2.39      |                     |           |

The low average of rooms not used for sleeping purposes in South Italian households and the relatively high proportion of South Italians sleeping in all rooms and in all but one room will be readily understood when it is recalled that 35.9 per cent of the households of the race live in one and two room and 45.3 per cent live in three room apartments.

#### BOARDERS AND LODGERS.

A discussion of living conditions concerned only with the numbers in apartments, rooms, and sleeping rooms would leave certain important phases of the subject untouched. The composition of the household is fully as important as its size. Sex and age composition have been shown in Chapter III. Nothing, however, is of more importance in relation to the subject than the degree of kinship existing within the household, for in small apartments well filled with occupants there is likely to be the minimum of privacy and the maximum of group life. It goes without saying that this group life is most nearly normal in households which consist only of father, mother, and children, with or without some other close relative on the same footing as a member of the family.

The family and the household are not always coextensive. Among the households included in this study there have been found a few which consist of two or more families and a few which include no family, as well as those already mentioned which include boarders or lodgers among their members. The following table shows the number and per cent of households which consist of a single family with neither boarders nor lodgers. The table is derived from General Table 60.

TABLE 27.—*Number and per cent of households which consist of a single family without boarders or lodgers.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of households. | Consisting of a single family without boarders or lodgers. |           |
|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------|
|   |                             | Number.  | Per cent. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64                          | 49   | 76.6      |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                          | 35   | 72.9      |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |  |           |
| German.....   | 47                          | 42   | 89.4      |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                          | 54   | 75.0      |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 148  | 69.8      |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 177  | 91.2      |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 30   | 60.0      |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 535  | 77.9      |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                          | 35   | 72.9      |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                         | 84   | 75.0      |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575                         | 451  | 78.4      |

A larger percentage of immigrant than of native households are of the simplest type, a single family with no boarders or lodgers. The highest proportion of such households is found among the Poles, who have 91.2 per cent. The Poles are followed, in order, by the foreign-born Germans, the native-born of native father, the Russian Hebrews, the second-generation Germans, the South Italians, and the Syrians. From the general table it appears that the Syrians of this study have the least uniform household organization of the seven races.

The two races which show the highest degree of congestion, namely, the Poles and the South Italians, are quite different as regards their composition. From the above table it appears that 91.2 per cent of Polish households are composed of single families without boarders or lodgers and that only 69.8 per cent of the South Italian households are of this class. Table 28 shows that the difference is due largely to the relatively higher proportion of South Italian households keeping boarders or lodgers. The average size, however, of the Polish households, which have only 2.7 per cent of boarders and lodgers among their members, is a little greater than that of the South Italian households, who have 11.7 per cent of boarders and lodgers among them. The greater size of the Polish households is accounted for by the fact that the Polish families are larger than the South Italian families. The number of children per family in Polish and in South Italian households follows:

| Number of children. | Number of families with each specified number of children. |                |
|---------------------|--|----------------|
|                     | Polish.  | South Italian. |
| 0                   | 19   | 23             |
| 1                   | 27   | 41             |
| 2                   | 22   | 45             |
| 3                   | 26   | 36             |
| 4                   | 22   | 32             |
| 5                   | 25   | 18             |
| 6                   | 22   | 10             |
| 7                   | 17   | 4              |
| 8                   | 8  | 1              |
| 9                   | 6  | 1              |
| Total .....         | 194  | 211            |

Since the relatively larger number of persons in Polish households is due to larger families, it might be expected that congestion measured by adults would not be so great among them as among the South Italians, who have adult boarders and lodgers.<sup>a</sup> The Polish families are, however, generally speaking not only larger but also older than the South Italian families. It will be recalled that South Italian households appear in Table 12 as having a larger proportion of persons under 6 years of age than the households of any other race. It is also true that of the South Italian households only 84, or 39.6 per cent, are composed of families with children 10 years of age or older, while of the Polish households 119, or 61.3 per cent, have children who are at least 10 years old. All such children count as adults in the series of tables just concluded, and as a result Polish households,

<sup>a</sup> See Tables 22 and 23.



after the reduction of persons to adults, are still the largest in point of numbers and the most congested per sleeping room. But a high degree of congestion due to large families is less usual and less serious than a high degree due to an artificial increase in the size of the household.

The number and per cent of households keeping boarders or lodgers is shown in the following table, which is based on General Table 76.

TABLE 28.—*Number and per cent of households keeping boarders or lodgers, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

[Information relating to boarders or lodgers covers only immediate time of taking schedule and not the entire year. Boarders are persons who receive both board and lodging.]

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of households. | Households keeping boarders or lodgers. |           |
|---|-----------------------------|---|-----------|
|   |                             | Number.                                 | Per cent. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64                          | 12                                      | 18.8      |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                          | 6                                       | 12.5      |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |   |           |
| German.....   | 47                          | 2                                       | 4.3       |
| Hebrew-Russian.....   | 72                          | 17                                      | 23.6      |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 58                                      | 27.4      |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 16                                      | 8.2       |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 13                                      | 26.0      |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 124                                     | 18.0      |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                          | 6                                       | 12.5      |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                         | 18                                      | 16.1      |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575                         | 106                                     | 18.4      |

Of the 575 foreign households 106, or 18.4 per cent, and of the 112 native households 18, or 16.1 per cent, keep boarders or lodgers. The native-born of native father have a slightly higher proportion of households with boarders or lodgers than have the foreign-born. They have also a higher proportion than the Germans of either generation or the Poles, but a lower proportion than the Russian Hebrews, the South Italians, or the Syrians.

From the general table it appears that none of the German households of either generation keeps lodgers alone, and that the proportion is low among the native-born of native father and not high among either the Hebrews or the Poles; but the proportion of households with only lodgers is very high among both the South Italians and the Syrians. Lodgers of both races, however, very commonly take their meals in the apartment where they lodge. Arrangements with the housewife vary; in some cases the lodger cooks his own meal at the kitchen stove and in other cases the housewife prepares the food for him. In either case the lodger has as much freedom of the apartment as a boarder.

In the following table the households of immigrant races are divided into three groups according to the period of residence of the head in the United States, and the number and per cent of households with boarders or lodgers are shown for each group. The table is based on General Table 77.

TABLE 29.—*Number and per cent of foreign households keeping boarders or lodgers, by race of head and by years head has been in the United States.*

[By years in the United States is meant years since first arrival in the United States.]

| Race of head of household. | Number reporting complete data. | In the United States under 5 years. |                              | In the United States 5 to 9 years. |                              | In the United States 10 years or over. |                              |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
|                            |                                 | Num-ber.                            | Keeping boarders or lodgers. | Num-ber.                           | Keeping boarders or lodgers. | Num-ber.                               | Keeping boarders or lodgers. |
|                            |                                 |                                     | Num-ber. Per cent.           |                                    | Num-ber. Per cent.           |  | Num-ber. Per cent.           |
| German.....                | 47                              | 2                                   | (a)                          | 1                                  | (a)                          | 44                                     | 2 4.5                        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....       | 72                              | 28                                  | 14 50.0                      | 11                                 | 2 (a)                        | 33                                     | 1 3.0                        |
| Italian, South.....        | 210                             | 26                                  | 8 30.8                       | 63                                 | 27 42.9                      | 121                                    | 23 19.0                      |
| Polish.....                | 193                             | 25                                  | 5 20.0                       | 34                                 | .0                           | 134                                    | 11 8.2                       |
| Syrian.....                | 50                              | 9                                   | 2 (a)                        | 26                                 | 7 26.9                       | 15                                     | 4 (a)                        |
| Total.....                 | 572                             | 90                                  | 29 32.2                      | 135                                | 36 26.7                      | 347                                    | 41 11.8                      |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

In the group of recent immigrants three races are represented by 20 or more households; the Russian Hebrews have 50 per cent of households with boarders or lodgers, the South Italians have 30.8 per cent, and the Poles have 20 per cent. In the second group the South Italians have 42.9 per cent, the Syrians have 26.9 per cent, and the Poles have no households keeping boarders or lodgers. In the group of older immigrants the South Italians have 19 per cent, the Poles 8.2 per cent, the Germans 4.5 per cent, and the Russian Hebrews 3 per cent of households keeping boarders or lodgers. The percentages of total foreign households with boarders or lodgers are smaller among the older immigrants than among the new. But it can not be assumed that the tendency of immigrant households is away from keeping boarders and lodgers as the length of residence in this country increases, for the decrease in percentages may be due to changes in the character of the immigration and not to progress on the part of the individual households.

The following table shows the average number of boarders or lodgers per household based on the total number of households and the average number of boarders or lodgers in households which keep boarders or lodgers. The table is based on General Table 76.

TABLE 30.—Average number of boarders or lodgers per household, by general nativity and race of head of household.

[Information relating to boarders or lodgers covers only immediate time of taking schedule and not the entire year. Boarders are persons who receive both board and lodging.]

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of households. | Number of households keeping boarders or lodgers. | Number of boarders or lodgers. | Average number of boarders or lodgers per household. |  |
|---|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
|   |                             |   |                                | Based on total number of households.                 | Based on number of households keeping boarders or lodgers. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64                          | 12  | 16                             | 0.25   | 1.33   |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                          | 6   | 9                              | .19  | (a)  |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |   |                                |  |  |
| German.....   | 47                          | 2   | 3                              | .06  | (a)  |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                          | 17  | 25                             | .35  | 1.47   |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 58  | 135                            | .64  | 2.33   |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 16  | 31                             | .16  | 1.94   |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 13  | 21                             | .42  | 1.62   |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 124   | 240                            | .35  | 1.94   |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                          | 6   | 9                              | .19  | (a)  |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                         | 18  | 25                             | .22  | 1.39   |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575                         | 106   | 215                            | .37  | 2.03   |

Among the native-born of native father there is an average of one boarder or lodger to every four households. The average is lower than this among the Germans of each generation and the Poles, and higher among the Russian Hebrews, South Italians, and Syrians, being highest of all among the South Italians.

The average number of boarders or lodgers in households keeping them is highest among the South Italians where it is considerably more than two and next highest among the Poles where it is a little less than two. The high average among the South Italians brings up the average of the total foreign-born to a little above 2, although Hebrews have an average of only 1.47 and Syrians of 1.62. The native-born of native father have on the whole the smallest number of boarders and lodgers in households keeping them.

## HOME WORK.

Occupation in the apartment is rarely found among the households studied. The two tables which follow are derived from General Table 78, and summarize in part what is there shown in detail for each apartment in which gainful employment was found.

TABLE 31.—*Number and per cent of apartments in which gainful employment is pursued, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number. | Apartments in which gainful employment is pursued. |           |
|---|---------------|--|-----------|
|   |               | Number.  | Per cent. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64            | .....  | 0.0       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48            | 1  | 2.1       |
| Foreign-born:   |               |  |           |
| German.....   | 47            | 4  | 8.5       |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72            | 1  | 1.4       |
| Italian, South.....   | 212           | 3  | 1.4       |
| Polish.....   | 194           | 2  | 1.0       |
| Syrian.....   | 50            | .....  | .0        |
| Grand total.....  | 687           | 11   | 1.6       |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48            | 1  | 2.1       |
| Total native-born.....  | 112           | 1  | .9        |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575           | 10   | 1.7       |

TABLE 32.—*Number of apartments in which each specified kind of gainful employment is pursued, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number with gainful employment. | Number in which each specified kind of employment is pursued. |            |             |                    |
|---|---------------------------------|---|------------|-------------|--------------------|
|   |                                 | Dressmaking and sewing.                                       | Tailoring. | Shoemaking. | Other occupations. |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 1                               | 1   | .....      | .....       | .....              |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |   |            |             |                    |
| German.....   | 4                               | 2   | 1          | .....       | 1                  |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 1                               | .....   | 1          | .....       | .....              |
| Italian, South.....   | 3                               | .....   | 1          | 1           | 1                  |
| Polish.....   | 2                               | 1   | .....      | 1           | .....              |
| Grand total.....  | 11                              | 4   | 3          | 2           | 2                  |
| Total native-born.....  | 1                               | 1   | .....      | .....       | .....              |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 10                              | 3   | 3          | 2           | 2                  |

## CARE AND EQUIPMENT OF HOME.

The per cent of households which have access to a separate water supply and the per cent which use a source of supply used also by other households appear in the following table based on General Table 79.

TABLE 33.—*Per cent of households where water supply is used by each specified number of households, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.             | Total number of households. | Percent of households where water supply is used by each specified number of households. |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---|-----------------------------|--|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|   |                             | 1.   | 2.   | 3.   | 4.  | 6.  | 9.  | 12. | 15. | 18. | 36. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                    | 64                          | 98.4   | 1.6  | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German... | 48                          | 91.7   | 8.3  | .0   | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |  |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| German.....   | 47                          | 91.5   | 8.5  | .0   | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                          | 98.6   | 1.4  | .0   | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 40.1   | 20.8 | 3.8  | 7.1 | 5.7 | 7.1 | 8.0 | .5  | .0  | 7.1 |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 69.1   | 19.6 | 1.5  | 2.1 | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | 7.7 | .0  |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 74.0   | 14.0 | 12.0 | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 69.4   | 14.4 | 2.5  | 2.8 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.5 | .1  | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                    | 48                          | 91.7   | 8.3  | .0   | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  |
| Total native-born.....                                      | 112                         | 95.5   | 4.5  | .0   | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  | .0  |
| Total foreign-born.....                                     | 575                         | 64.3   | 16.3 | 3.0  | 3.3 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 3.0 | .2  | 2.6 | 2.6 |

The native-born of native father, the Germans of both generations, and the Russian Hebrews, have more than 90 per cent of all households with separate water supply, and have no instance of a household using a source of supply which is used by more than one other household. The native-born of native father and the Russian Hebrews have only one case each of a household which has not a separate water supply. The Syrians have six households, or 12 per cent, with water supply used by two other households, and seven households, or 14 per cent, with water supply used by one other household, but all other Syrian households have a separate supply. The cases of large numbers to a single source of supply are found among the South Italians and in one instance among the Poles. The fifteen Polish households dependent for water upon a supply used by eighteen households are the occupants of a large two-story tenement on Kosciusko street, where the law requiring inside water supply is disregarded.<sup>a</sup> A yard hydrant supplies the water for the entire building. The South Italian households, which share their water supply with a considerable number of other households, are the occupants of large, low tenement houses, most of which have one water spigot on each floor, the minimum requirement of the tenement-house law.<sup>a</sup> That the law may be complied with and the tenement be without proper accommodations is illustrated by the case of a house on Evans street, where the one spigot on each floor is situated at the rear end of the building. The persons in apartments at the front of this building must walk one-third of a block to get every drop of water they use and to dispose of every bucket of waste water.

<sup>a</sup> See New York tenement-house act, p. 104.

The following table, based on General Table 80, shows the per cent of households which have access to a separate toilet and the per cent which use a toilet used also by other households:

TABLE 34.—*Per cent of households where one toilet is used by each specified number of households, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Total number of households. | Per cent of households where one toilet is used by each specified number of households. |      |      |     |     |
|---|-----------------------------|---|------|------|-----|-----|
|   |                             | 1.  | 2.   | 3.   | 4.  | 5.  |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64                          | 54.7  | 40.6 | 4.7  | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48                          | 50.0  | 33.3 | 16.7 | .0  | .0  |
| Foreign-born:   |                             |   |      |      |     |     |
| German.....   | 47                          | 61.7  | 27.7 | 10.6 | .0  | .0  |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72                          | 50.0  | 41.7 | 8.3  | .0  | .0  |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                         | 14.2  | 78.3 | 3.8  | 3.3 | .5  |
| Polish.....   | 194                         | 12.4  | 82.0 | 5.7  | .0  | .0  |
| Syrian.....   | 50                          | 22.0  | 56.0 | 22.0 | .0  | .0  |
| Grand total.....  | 687                         | 27.5  | 63.8 | 7.6  | 1.0 | .1  |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48                          | 50.0  | 33.3 | 16.7 | .0  | .0  |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                         | 52.7  | 37.5 | 9.8  | .0  | .0  |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 575                         | 22.6  | 68.9 | 7.1  | 1.2 | .2  |

The percentages of households of the several races which have separate toilet accommodations are in general low. Only the native-born of native father and the foreign-born Germans have more than half of their households provided with a toilet shared by no other households. The Poles have only 12.4 per cent, the South Italians 14.2 per cent, and the Syrians 22 per cent which have separate toilets. The per cents of households which use a toilet used also by one other household are in the case of the Poles and South Italians very large. Of all the households studied 63.8 per cent share a toilet with one other household, the largest use of a toilet permitted by law.<sup>a</sup> Outside of this limit are 22 per cent of Syrian households, 16.7 per cent of second-generation Germans, 10.6 per cent of immigrant Germans, 8.3 per cent of Russian Hebrews, 7.6 per cent of South Italians, 5.7 per cent of Poles, and 4.7 per cent of the native-born of native father who use a toilet used also by at least two other households.

All of the 687 households except 11 South Italian households on Canal street have access to flush toilets. In many cases these toilets are situated in the yard and were originally dry, but have been remodeled to meet the requirements of the law.

Only three of the 687 households are in basement apartments.

Some of the evils associated with congestion are not apparent at a glance. But bad housekeeping goes farther toward creating an impression of generally intolerable condition than lack of comfortable furnishings, bad ventilation, and bad sanitation combined. Yet bad housekeeping in small and crowded apartments where the housewife, in addition to the care of young children, has also certain services to perform for boarders or lodgers is not inexcusable, especially in cases where the water supply and sink are remote from the apartment. In many households good housekeeping should be regarded as distinctly

<sup>a</sup> See New York tenement-house act, p. 100.

an achievement. The per cents of apartments whose condition at the time of the agent's visit indicated good, fair, bad, and very bad care are shown in the following table, which is based on General Table 81:

TABLE 35.—*Per cent of apartments where care is good, fair, etc., by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number for which information was secured. | Per cent of apartments where cases— |       |      |           |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|-------|------|-----------|
|   |   | Good.                               | Fair. | Bad. | Very bad. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 64  | 48.4                                | 39.1  | 9.4  | 3.1       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 48  | 91.7                                | 6.3   | .0   | 2.1       |
| Foreign-born:   |   |                                     |       |      |           |
| German.....   | 46  | 80.4                                | 15.2  | 4.3  | .0        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 71  | 78.9                                | 19.7  | 1.4  | .0        |
| Italian, South.....   | 212                                       | 25.0                                | 61.3  | 9.9  | 3.8       |
| Polish.....   | 194                                       | 76.8                                | 18.0  | 4.6  | .5        |
| Syrian.....   | 50  | 6.0                                 | 55.0  | 26.0 | 12.0      |
| Grand total.....  | 685                                       | 54.5                                | 35.3  | 7.6  | 2.6       |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 48  | 91.7                                | 6.3   | .0   | 2.1       |
| Total native-born.....  | 112                                       | 67.0                                | 25.0  | 5.4  | 2.7       |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 573                                       | 52.0                                | 37.3  | 8.0  | 2.6       |

It will be seen that in general Syrian households have the worst care, South Italian households the next worst, and the households of the native-born of native father third from the worst. The native-born of native father make a relatively poor showing, all things considered. They have households considerably smaller, on an average, than immigrant households and live in apartments considerably larger, on an average, than do the immigrants. All but one of their households have separate water supply; only 63.3 per cent of immigrant households are in this respect so favorably circumstanced. They have a slightly higher proportion of households with boarders and lodgers than immigrant households, but a much lower proportion of young children than the immigrants. Yet they show on the whole a little lower standard of housekeeping than do the foreign-born.

#### HOME OWNERSHIP AND RENT.

The number and per cent of families owning their homes can not be taken as indicative of any fixed financial status, since many of these homes are heavily mortgaged. Home ownership is, however, an evidence of enterprise and in a way a declaration of permanency in the United States and in the particular neighborhood. The table following is based on General Table 82.

TABLE 36.—*Number and per cent of families owning home, by general nativity and race of head of family.*

| General nativity and race of head of family.                  | Number reporting complete data. | Owning home. |           |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
|   |                                 | Number.      | Per cent. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 68                              | 6            | 8.8       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 45                              | 12           | 26.7      |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |              |           |
| English.....  | 1                               |              | (a)       |
| German.....   | 50                              | 19           | 38.0      |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 76                              | 13           | 17.1      |
| Italian, South.....   | 216                             | 9            | 4.2       |
| Polish.....   | 194                             | 64           | 33.0      |
| Syrian.....   | 53                              |              | .0        |
| Grand total.....  | 703                             | 123          | 17.5      |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 45                              | 12           | 26.7      |
| Total native-born.....  | 113                             | 18           | 15.9      |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 590                             | 105          | 17.8      |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

The Germans and the Poles are the home owners of the races studied, but the second-generation Germans seem less inclined toward home owning than do the immigrant Germans. None of the Syrians and few of the South Italians and the native-born of native father own their homes. The Russian Hebrews occupy the medium position with respect to home ownership.

While home owning is the concern of the family, a stable financial unit, rent is the concern of the household, in many cases a temporary organization. The amount of rent paid per apartment, per room, and per sleeping room is therefore shown for the household instead of for the family. The table below, which is concerned with rent per apartment, presents the data of General Table 83 in the form of cumulative per cents.

TABLE 37.—*Per cent of households paying each specified rent per month per apartment, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number paying rent and reporting amount. | Average rent per apartment. | Per cent paying— |               |             |                |             |             |
|---|--|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
|   |  |                             | Under \$5.       | Under \$7.50. | Under \$10. | Under \$12.50. | Under \$15. | Under \$20. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 54                                       | \$8.83                      | 1.9              | 27.8          | 66.7        | 92.6           | 100.0       | 100.0       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 31                                       | 9.26                        | 3.2              | 19.4          | 45.2        | 100.0          | 100.0       | 100.0       |
| Foreign-born:   |  |                             |                  |               |             |                |             |             |
| German.....   | 26                                       | 8.81                        | 7.7              | 26.9          | 65.4        | 92.3           | 96.2        | 100.0       |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 53                                       | 11.09                       | .0               | 11.3          | 32.1        | 69.8           | 83.0        | 100.0       |
| Italian, South.....   | 177                                      | 7.15                        | 11.9             | 57.1          | 89.3        | 98.3           | 99.4        | 99.4        |
| Polish.....   | 127                                      | 6.20                        | 37.0             | 61.4          | 96.1        | 99.2           | 100.0       | 100.0       |
| Syrian.....   | 41                                       | 6.99                        | 22.0             | 61.0          | 75.6        | 97.6           | 100.0       | 100.0       |
| Grand total.....  | 509                                      | 7.70                        | 15.9             | 46.8          | 77.6        | 94.7           | 97.8        | 99.8        |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 31                                       | 9.26                        | 3.2              | 19.4          | 45.2        | 100.0          | 100.0       | 100.0       |
| Total native-born.....  | 85                                       | 8.99                        | 2.4              | 24.7          | 58.8        | 95.3           | 100.0       | 100.0       |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 424                                      | 7.45                        | 18.6             | 51.2          | 81.4        | 94.6           | 97.4        | 99.8        |



Of the 509 households included in this table, 15.9 per cent pay under \$5 per month for their apartments, 46.8 per cent pay under \$7.50, 77.6 per cent pay under \$10, and 97.8 per cent pay under \$15. The average rent paid by all households is \$7.70. The native-born of native father, the Germans of the two generations, and the Russian Hebrews average more than this amount. The native-born of native father and the foreign-born Germans pay about the same average rent, but the Germans have larger proportions of low and of high rents. The Russian Hebrews with an average rent of \$11.09 and with only 11.3 per cent paying under \$7.50 and only 69.8 per cent paying under \$12.50, pay much the highest rent of the seven races. The Poles, who average \$6.20 an apartment and secure 37 per cent of their apartments for less than \$5, 61.4 per cent for less than \$7.50, and 96.1 per cent for less than \$10, pay the lowest rents. The Syrians pay next to the lowest rents and the South Italians the third lowest.

Part of the above variation in rents is due to difference in the size of the apartments in question. Although, as a rule, rents among apartments of the same grade do not decrease proportionally with the decrease in number of rooms, yet size of apartment is a very slight factor in the following table, which shows the amount of rent paid per month per room. The table presents the data of General Table 84 in the form of cumulative per cents.

TABLE 38.—*Per cent of households paying each specified rent per month per room, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number paying rent and reporting amount. | Average rent per room. | Per cent paying— |            |            |            |            |            |
|---|--|------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   |  |                        | Under \$1.       | Under \$2. | Under \$3. | Under \$4. | Under \$5. | Under \$6. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 54                                       | \$1.94                 | 0.0              | 35.2       | 98.1       | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 31                                       | 1.88                   | 3.2              | 38.7       | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |
| Foreign-born:   |  |                        |                  |            |            |            |            |            |
| German.....   | 26                                       | 1.82                   | .0               | 50.0       | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 53                                       | 2.36                   | .0               | 15.1       | 92.5       | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |
| Italian, South.....   | 177                                      | 2.61                   | .0               | 14.1       | 61.0       | 86.4       | 94.9       | 97.7       |
| Polish.....   | 127                                      | 1.95                   | .8               | 34.6       | 93.7       | 97.6       | 99.2       | 99.2       |
| Syrian.....   | 41                                       | 2.09                   | .0               | 34.1       | 85.4       | 97.6       | 100.0      | 100.0      |
| Grand total.....  | 509                                      | 2.18                   | .4               | 26.5       | 82.7       | 94.5       | 98.0       | 99.0       |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 31                                       | 1.88                   | 3.2              | 38.7       | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |
| Total native-born.....  | 85                                       | 1.91                   | 1.2              | 36.5       | 98.8       | 100.0      | 100.0      | 100.0      |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 424                                      | 2.25                   | .2               | 24.5       | 79.5       | 93.4       | 97.6       | 98.8       |

The average rent paid per room by the 509 households is \$2.18, only 26.5 per cent of all households paying under \$2. Three races, the South Italians, Russian Hebrews, and Syrians pay, on an average, more than \$2. The South Italians pay the highest average rent of the seven races and have the smallest per cents of households paying under each specified amount; that is to say, the largest per cents paying high rents. It will be recalled that this race lives in the poorest houses, with the fewest conveniences. Some of the houses are in a row back to back with the houses of the next street; interior rooms and "head-high" rooms are common, repair is bad, and the standards of sanitation are in numbers of cases below the require-

ments of the law. Land values are not sufficiently high to account for the relatively high rents per room. It is evident that the Italians are not getting as much in value for a dollar's expenditure as are some other races. Their standing in the following table, which shows rents per person, is of interest in this connection. The table presents the data of General Table 85 in the form of cumulative per cents.

TABLE 39.—*Per cent of households paying each specified rent per month per person, by general nativity and race of head of household.*

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number paying rent and reporting amount. | Average rent per person. | Per cent paying— |            |            |            |            |            |
|---|--|--------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   |  |                          | Under \$1.       | Under \$2. | Under \$3. | Under \$4. | Under \$5. | Under \$6. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 54                                       | \$2.00                   | 3.7              | 42.6       | 66.7       | 83.3       | 94.4       | 96.3       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 31                                       | 2.04                     | 3.2              | 45.2       | 71.0       | 74.2       | 80.6       | 93.5       |
| Foreign-born:   |  |                          |                  |            |            |            |            |            |
| German.....   | 26                                       | 2.03                     | 3.8              | 42.3       | 65.4       | 80.8       | 92.3       | 96.2       |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 53                                       | 2.21                     | .0               | 32.1       | 71.7       | 90.6       | 96.2       | 98.1       |
| Italian, South.....   | 177                                      | 1.30                     | 18.6             | 81.9       | 96.0       | 98.3       | 99.4       | 100.0      |
| Polish.....   | 127                                      | 1.16                     | 30.7             | 83.5       | 94.5       | 97.6       | 100.0      | 100.0      |
| Syrian.....   | 41                                       | 1.79                     | .0               | 56.1       | 82.9       | 92.7       | 97.6       | 97.6       |
| Grand total.....  | 509                                      | 1.52                     | 14.9             | 66.6       | 85.9       | 92.9       | 97.1       | 98.6       |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 31                                       | 2.04                     | 3.2              | 45.2       | 71.0       | 74.2       | 80.6       | 93.5       |
| Total native-born.....  | 85                                       | 2.02                     | 3.5              | 43.5       | 68.2       | 80.0       | 89.4       | 95.3       |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 424                                      | 1.44                     | 17.2             | 71.2       | 89.4       | 95.5       | 98.6       | 99.3       |

Attention has been called to the high rent per room paid by the South Italians. In contrast to this is their low rent per person. They pay the second lowest average per capita rent and have the second largest proportions paying under \$1 and under \$2. It will be recalled that they resort more largely than any other race to the keeping of boarders and lodgers. It seems probable that their high rent per room is partly a result of their effort to reduce the rent per person, since landlords are not slow to realize that a household with an increase in the number of its earning members is likely to be able to bear an increase in rent.

Rent per person is highest among the Russian Hebrews, who average \$2.21 and have only 32.1 per cent paying under \$2. The native-born of native father and the Germans, native and foreign, also pay \$2 or more. The average per capita rent for all households studied is \$1.52, and two-thirds of all households pay under \$2 per person.

For convenience of comparison the average rents per apartment, per room, and per person are presented in summary below.

TABLE 40.—Average rent per month, by general nativity and race of head of household.

| General nativity and race of head of household.           | Number paying rent and reporting amount. | Average rent per— |        |         |
|---|--|-------------------|--------|---------|
|   |  | Apartment.        | Room.  | Person. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                  | 54                                       | \$3.83            | \$1.94 | \$2.00  |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German. | 31                                       | 9.26              | 1.88   | 2.04    |
| Foreign-born:   |  |                   |        |         |
| German.....   | 26                                       | 8.81              | 1.82   | 2.03    |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                                      | 53                                       | 11.09             | 2.36   | 2.21    |
| Italian, South.....                                       | 177                                      | 7.15              | 2.61   | 1.30    |
| Polish.....   | 127                                      | 6.20              | 1.95   | 1.16    |
| Syrian.....   | 41                                       | 6.99              | 2.09   | 1.79    |
| Grand total.....  | 509                                      | 7.70              | 2.18   | 1.52    |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                  | 31                                       | 9.26              | 1.88   | 2.04    |
| Total native-born.....                                    | 85                                       | 8.99              | 1.91   | 2.02    |
| Total foreign-born.....                                   | 424                                      | 7.45              | 2.25   | 1.44    |

The native-born pay on an average \$1.54 more rent per apartment and 34 cents less per room than the foreign-born; they pay a higher average rent per person than per room while the foreign-born pay a higher rent per room than per person. In other words, the native-born are renting, on an average, much larger apartments than the immigrants and are not increasing their households proportionately to meet the greater expense, since these particular households average less than one person per room, the foreign averaging more than one person per room.

## CHAPTER V.

### ECONOMIC STATUS.

#### OCCUPATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD.

The equipment with which the immigrants studied have come into the midst of American industrial life is partially indicated by the table below. The table gives the number and per cent of male heads of households old enough to have an occupation at the time of arrival in the United States who were engaged in farming before coming to this country. The table is based on General Table 86.

TABLE 41.—*Number and per cent of foreign-born male heads of households 16 years of age or over at time of coming to the United States, who were engaged in farming abroad, by race of individual.*

| Race of individual.  | Number reporting complete data. | Engaged in farming abroad. |           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
|                      |                                 | Number.                    | Per cent. |
| German.....          | 20                              | 2                          | 10.0      |
| Hebrew, Russian..... | 54                              | 3                          | 5.6       |
| Italian, South.....  | 163                             | 125                        | 76.7      |
| Polish.....          | 125                             | 78                         | 62.4      |
| Syrian.....          | 33                              | 15                         | 45.5      |
| Total.....           | 395                             | 223                        | 56.5      |

Three hundred and ninety-five men are included in this table, of whom 223, or 56.5 per cent, came to the United States directly from farms. To this extent, at least, migration from the Old to the New World has meant migration from country to city. Few of the Germans or Russian Hebrews have farm training, but a majority of the Italians and Poles and 45.5 per cent of the Syrians were on farms abroad. Some of the Syrians still own their little farms in the district of Mount Lebanon and expect to return to them permanently some day. Many of the Poles express their dissatisfaction with city conditions and their preference for farm life in this country, but hesitate before a second upheaval in their affairs and, especially if they do not consider their immigration to the United States a success, dread the risk of another radical change.

The occupations most commonly followed by the male heads of households of the several races are listed in the table next submitted, with the number and per cent in each. The table is derived from General Table 87.

TABLE 42.—*Occupation of male heads of households ranking first and second in numerical importance, by general nativity and race of individual.*

| General nativity and race of individual.                  | Number gainfully employed and reporting occupation. | First rank.            |         |                                       | Second rank.           |         |                                       |
|---|---|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|
|   |   | Occupation.            | Number. | Per cent of total gainfully employed. | Occupation.            | Number. | Per cent of total gainfully employed. |
| Native-born of native father, White.                      | 52  | Driver and teamster.   | 9       | 17.3                                  | Laborer.....           | 8       | 15.4                                  |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German. | 38  | Laborer.....           | 5       | 13.2                                  | { Driver and teamster. | 4       | 10.5                                  |
| Foreign-born:   |   |                        |         |                                       | { Woodworker..         | 4       | 10.5                                  |
| German.....   | 22  | Laborer.....           | 6       | 27.3                                  | Carpenter.....         | 3       | 13.0                                  |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                                      | 62  | Peddler, proprietor.   | 11      | 17.7                                  | Taylor, employee.      | 10      | 16.1                                  |
| Italian, South.....                                       | 202   | Laborer.....           | 137     | 67.8                                  | Peddler, proprietor.   | 13      | 6.4                                   |
| Polish.....   | 178   | Laborer.....           | 116     | 65.2                                  | Carpenter.....         | 13      | 7.3                                   |
| Syrian.....   | 41  | Laborer.....           | 20      | 48.8                                  | Peddler, proprietor.   | 8       | 19.5                                  |
| Grand total.....  | 595   | Laborer.....           | 296     | 49.7                                  | Peddler, proprietor.   | 32      | 5.4                                   |
| Total native-born of foreign father.                      | 38  | Laborer.....           | 5       | 13.2                                  | { Driver and teamster. | 4       | 10.5                                  |
| Total native-born.....                                    | 90  | { Laborer.....         | 13      | 14.4                                  | { Woodworker..         | 4       | 4.4                                   |
| Total foreign-born.....                                   | 505   | { Driver and teamster. | 13      | 14.4                                  | { Peddler, pro-        | 32      | 6.3                                   |
|   |   | Laborer.....           | 283     | 56.0                                  | prietor.               |         |                                       |

Of the 595 male heads of households who have an occupation 49.7 per cent, or almost half, are laborers. These men are engaged in unskilled labor on streets and docks, in factories, and in construction work of various kinds. Of the 505 foreign-born 56 per cent are laborers. The heads of households of two races, the South Italian and Polish, are laborers in about two-thirds of all cases. South Italian laborers are for the most part engaged in general labor outside of factories; Polish laborers are in the majority of cases in factories. Almost half of the Syrians are laborers, of whom the majority work on the docks. From a comparison of this and the preceding table it will be noticed that the three races with high proportions of laborers are the three races with high proportions engaged in farming abroad.

The number and per cent of male heads of households who are in business for themselves follow in a second table derived from General Table 87.

TABLE 43.—*Number and per cent of male heads of households who are in business for profits, by general nativity and race of individual.*

| General nativity and race of individual.                      | Number reporting complete data. | In business for profits. |           |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|   |                                 | Number.                  | Per cent. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 52                              | 4                        | 7.7       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 39                              | 6                        | 15.4      |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |                          |           |
| German.....   | 31                              | 1                        | 3.2       |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 65                              | 27                       | 41.5      |
| Italian, South.....   | 207                             | 42                       | 20.3      |
| Polish.....   | 179                             | 3                        | 1.7       |
| Syrian.....   | 44                              | 20                       | 45.5      |
| Grand total.....  | 617                             | 103                      | 16.5      |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 39                              | 6                        | 15.4      |
| Total native-born.....  | 91                              | 10                       | 11.0      |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 526                             | 93                       | 17.7      |

Eleven per cent of the native-born and 17.7 per cent of the foreign-born are in business for profits. The higher per cent of the foreign-born is due to a considerable degree to the presence of peddlers and proprietors of shops among the Russian Hebrews and the Syrians, more than 40 per cent of the heads of households of each of these races being in business for themselves. The majority of the South Italians working for profits are in the fruit or grocery business; the peddlers of this race are fruit venders.

There are 68 female heads of households, of whom 8, or 11.8 per cent, are in business for themselves. One or two instances of female heads of households at work for profits occur in every race except the Polish.

The general occupation of males 16 years of age or over is shown in General Table 88. The following table gives the per cent at home, at school, and in each of several industries:

TABLE 44.—*General occupation of males 16 years of age or over, by general nativity and race of individual.*

[This table includes only races with 20 or more males reporting. The totals, however, are for all races.]

| General nativity and race of individual.          | Number reporting complete data. | Per cent—                                 |   |           |                    |                       |          |            |
|---|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
|   |                                 | In manufacturing and mechanical pursuits. | In general labor (not otherwise entered). | In trade. | In transportation. | In other occupations. | At home. | At school. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....          | 102                             | 34.3                                      | 8.8                                       | 13.7      | 27.5               | 9.8                   | 2.0      | 3.9        |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |                                 |   |   |           |                    |                       |          |            |
| German.....                                       | 69                              | 47.8                                      | 4.3                                       | 21.7      | 15.9               | 7.2                   | 2.9      | .0         |
| Polish.....                                       | 42                              | 61.9                                      | 7.1                                       | 2.4       | 4.8                | 4.8                   | 19.0     | .0         |
| Foreign-born:                                     |                                 |   |   |           |                    |                       |          |            |
| German.....                                       | 36                              | 50.0                                      | 8.3                                       | 8.3       | .0                 | 8.3                   | 25.0     | .0         |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                              | 82                              | 42.7                                      | 4.9                                       | 45.1      | 3.7                | .0                    | 3.7      | .0         |
| Italian, South.....                               | 253                             | 10.3                                      | 43.9                                      | 17.0      | 11.9               | 9.9                   | 4.7      | 2.4        |
| Polish.....                                       | 215                             | 53.0                                      | 16.7                                      | 4.7       | 16.3               | 4.2                   | 4.2      | .9         |
| Syrian.....                                       | 59                              | 10.2                                      | 3.4                                       | 42.4      | 30.5               | 6.8                   | 6.8      | .0         |
| Grand total.....                                  | 880                             | 33.6                                      | 19.8                                      | 17.4      | 14.7               | 7.3                   | 5.6      | 1.7        |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....          | 132                             | 46.2                                      | 6.8                                       | 15.9      | 11.4               | 9.8                   | 7.6      | 2.3        |
| Total native-born.....                            | 234                             | 41.0                                      | 7.7                                       | 15.0      | 18.4               | 9.8                   | 5.1      | 3.0        |
| Total foreign-born.....                           | 646                             | 31.0                                      | 24.1                                      | 18.3      | 13.3               | 6.3                   | 5.7      | 1.2        |

Of the 880 males included in this table 5.6 per cent are at home, 1.7 per cent at school, 33.6 per cent in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits, 19.8 per cent in general labor, 17.4 per cent in trade, and 14.7 per cent in transportation. The most usual group of industries among all races except Russian Hebrews, South Italians, and Syrians is manufacturing and mechanical pursuits. Among the Hebrews slightly more are engaged in trade than in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits and among the Syrians also persons engaged in trade predominate. The most usual occupation among the South Italians is general labor.

The per cents of females 16 years of age or over who are at home, at school, and engaged in each of several industries are given below. The table is derived from General Table 89.

TABLE 45.—General occupation of females 16 years of age or over, by general nativity and race of individual.

[This table includes only races with 20 or more females reporting. The totals, however, are for all races.]

| General nativity and race of individual.          | Number reporting complete data. | Per cent—                 |                                   |   |                          |           |          |            |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
|   |                                 | In agricultural pursuits. | In domestic and personal service. | In manufacturing and mechanical pursuits. | In professional service. | In trade. | At home. | At school. |
| Native-born of native father, White.              | 78                              | 0.0                       | 17.9                              | 6.4                                       | 1.3                      | 16.7      | 57.7     | 0.0        |
| Native born of foreign father, by race of father: |                                 |                           |                                   |   |                          |           |          |            |
| German.....                                       | 67                              | .0                        | 6.0                               | 13.4                                      | 1.5                      | 13.4      | 64.2     | 1.5        |
| Polish.....                                       | 40                              | 5.0                       | 12.5                              | 55.0                                      | .0                       | 7.5       | 12.5     | 7.5        |
| Foreign-born:                                     |                                 |                           |                                   |   |                          |           |          |            |
| German.....                                       | 43                              | .0                        | 11.6                              | 4.7                                       | .0                       | 4.7       | 79.1     | .0         |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                              | 82                              | .0                        | 2.4                               | 7.3                                       | .0                       | 9.8       | 78.0     | 2.4        |
| Italian, South.....                               | 219                             | 4.6                       | .9                                | 2.3                                       | .0                       | 2.7       | 89.0     | .6         |
| Polish.....                                       | 210                             | 1.0                       | 8.1                               | 7.6                                       | .0                       | 1.0       | 82.4     | .0         |
| Syrian.....                                       | 56                              | .0                        | 8.9                               | 3.6                                       | .0                       | 28.6      | 58.9     | .0         |
| Grand total.....                                  | 842                             | 2.1                       | 7.0                               | 8.1                                       | .4                       | 8.0       | 73.4     | 1.1        |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....          | 140                             | 4.3                       | 7.9                               | 22.9                                      | 1.4                      | 14.3      | 45.0     | 4.3        |
| Total native-born.....                            | 218                             | 2.8                       | 11.5                              | 17.0                                      | 1.4                      | 15.1      | 49.5     | 2.8        |
| Total foreign-born.....                           | 624                             | 1.9                       | 5.4                               | 5.0                                       | .0                       | 5.4       | 81.7     | .6         |

More than 50 per cent of the women of every race except the second generation Polish are at home. More than half of the women of this race are in manufactures and a larger per cent are at school than in any other race. The native-born women are at work in every specified industry in larger proportions than the women of foreign birth. They are also at school in larger proportions. There is, therefore, a much higher proportion of foreign than of native women at home. More than four-fifths of the South Italian and Polish women are at home and almost three-fourths of the immigrant Germans and the Russian Hebrews. The highest per cent of women in domestic and personal service is found among the native-born of native father. The highest per cent in trade is found among the Syrian women, almost all of whom engage in peddling when they have no small children or other engrossing home responsibilities.

The per cents of children who are at home, at school, and at work are shown in the following table based on General Table 90:

TABLE 46.—*Per cent of children 6 and under 16 years of age at home, at school, and at work, by sex and general nativity and race of individual.*

[This table includes in each section only races with 20 or more persons reporting. The totals, however, are for all races.]

## MALE.

| General nativity and race of individual.          | Number reporting complete data. | Per cent— |            |          |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|
|   |                                 | At home.  | At school. | At work. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....          | 45                              | 4.4       | 91.1       | 4.4      |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |                                 |           |            |          |
| Italian, South.....                               | 94                              | 5.3       | 86.2       | 8.5      |
| Polish.....                                       | 141                             | 10.6      | 83.7       | 5.7      |
| Foreign-born:                                     |                                 |           |            |          |
| Italian, South.....                               | 39                              | 7.7       | 84.6       | 7.7      |
| Polish.....                                       | 27                              | 18.5      | 81.5       | .0       |
| Grand total.....                                  | 396                             | 7.8       | 86.1       | 6.1      |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....          | 267                             | 7.9       | 85.0       | 7.1      |
| Total native-born.....                            | 312                             | 7.4       | 85.9       | 6.7      |
| Total foreign-born.....                           | 84                              | 9.5       | 86.9       | 3.6      |

## FEMALE.

|   |     |      |      |     |
|---|-----|------|------|-----|
| Native-born of native father, White.....          | 54  | 0.0  | 98.1 | 1.9 |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |     |      |      |     |
| Hebrew.....                                       | 22  | 9.1  | 90.9 | .0  |
| Italian, South.....                               | 73  | 6.8  | 91.8 | 1.4 |
| Polish.....                                       | 146 | 15.8 | 78.1 | 6.2 |
| Foreign-born:                                     |     |      |      |     |
| Italian, South.....                               | 27  | 14.8 | 85.2 | .0  |
| Polish.....                                       | 29  | 17.2 | 79.3 | 3.4 |
| Grand total.....                                  | 387 | 10.6 | 86.3 | 3.1 |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....          | 256 | 12.1 | 84.0 | 3.9 |
| Total native-born.....                            | 310 | 10.0 | 86.5 | 3.5 |
| Total foreign-born.....                           | 77  | 13.0 | 85.7 | 1.3 |

## TOTAL.

|   |     |      |       |     |
|---|-----|------|-------|-----|
| Native-born of native father, White.....          | 99  | 2.0  | 94.9  | 3.0 |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |     |      |       |     |
| German.....                                       | 23  | 8.7  | 82.6  | 8.7 |
| Hebrew.....                                       | 36  | 5.6  | 91.7  | 2.8 |
| Italian, South.....                               | 167 | 6.0  | 88.6  | 5.4 |
| Polish.....                                       | 287 | 13.2 | 80.8  | 6.9 |
| Foreign-born:                                     |     |      |       |     |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                              | 34  | .0   | 100.0 | .0  |
| Italian, South.....                               | 66  | 10.6 | 84.8  | 4.5 |
| Polish.....                                       | 56  | 17.9 | 80.4  | 1.8 |
| Grand total.....                                  | 783 | 9.2  | 86.2  | 4.6 |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....          | 523 | 9.9  | 84.5  | 5.5 |
| Total native-born.....                            | 622 | 8.7  | 86.2  | 5.1 |
| Total foreign-born.....                           | 161 | 11.2 | 86.3  | 2.5 |



Five races are represented in this table by 20 or more boys and by 20 or more girls. The Polish boys of the two generations, are in school in larger proportions than the girls and at work in smaller proportions. These conditions are reversed in the cases of the native-born of native father and the South Italians of native and of foreign birth. About equal per cents of the 396 boys and the 387 girls included in the table are at school, but the per cent of boys at work is the larger and the per cent of girls at home is correspondingly the larger. If the total of boys and girls be considered, the groups where the high proportions are at school will be seen to be the native-born of native father, and the Russian Hebrews of the two generations. No other races have as many as 90 per cent of children in school. In general there are a larger proportion of children at home than at work. From reference to the general table it appears that only in the case of two South Italian children are there any children at work who have not reached the age of 14.

Three races are represented by 20 or more children in each of the two generations. The facts are restated for the three races and for the native-born of native father in the table below.

TABLE 47.—*Number and per cent of children 6 and under 16 years of age at home, at school, and at work, by race of father and with place of birth of child.*

[This table includes only races with 20 or more children born in the United States and also 20 or more born abroad. The native-born of native father are shown for comparative purposes.]

| Race of father.         | Birthplace of child. | Number reporting complete data. | Number—  |            |          | Per cent— |            |          |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
|                         |                      |                                 | At home. | At school. | At work. | At home.  | At school. | At work. |
| Native-born, White..... | United States.       | 99                              | 2        | 94         | 3        | 2.0       | 94.9       | 3.0      |
| Foreign-born:           |                      |                                 |          |            |          |           |            |          |
| Hebrew.....             | United States.       | 36                              | 2        | 33         | 1        | 5.6       | 91.7       | 2.8      |
|                         | Abroad.....          | 34                              | -----    | 34         | -----    | .0        | 100.0      | .0       |
| Italian, South.....     | United States.       | 167                             | 10       | 148        | 9        | 6.0       | 88.6       | 5.4      |
|                         | Abroad.....          | 66                              | 7        | 56         | 3        | 10.6      | 84.8       | 4.5      |
| Polish.....             | United States.       | 287                             | 38       | 232        | 17       | 13.2      | 80.8       | 5.9      |
|                         | Abroad.....          | 56                              | 10       | 45         | 1        | 17.9      | 80.4       | 1.8      |

The proportion of children in school is greater among the foreign-born than among the native-born children of Hebrews, less among the foreign than among the American born Italian children, and about the same among the Polish children of native and of foreign birth. The proportion of children in school whose fathers are of native birth is exceeded only by the proportion of Hebrew children of foreign birth in school. The percentages of children at work are, for every race, higher among the native-born than among the foreign-born.

#### EARNINGS.

The earnings of males 18 years of age or over for the year ending at the time the schedule was taken appear in General Table 91. The year in question includes the months of financial depression in the winter and spring of 1908. The table next submitted presents the data of the general table in the form of cumulative numbers and per cents.

TABLE 48.— *Yearly earnings (approximate) of males 18 years of age or over, by general nativity and race of individual.*

| General nativity and race of individual.          | Number working for wages and reporting. | Average earnings. | Number earning— |              |              |                | Per cent earning— |              |              |                |
|---|---|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|   |   |                   | Under \$200.    | Under \$400. | Under \$600. | Under \$1,000. | Under \$200.      | Under \$400. | Under \$600. | Under \$1,000. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....          | 73                                      | \$575             | 3               | 18           | 39           | 68             | 4.1               | 24.7         | 53.4         | 93.2           |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |   |                   |                 |              |              |                |                   |              |              |                |
| German.....                                       | 50                                      | 574               | 7               | 13           | 21           | 47             | 14.0              | 26.0         | 42.0         | 94.0           |
| Hebrew.....                                       | 2                                       | (a)               | .....           | 1            | 2            | 2              | (a)               | (a)          | (a)          | (a)            |
| Italian, South.....                               | 6                                       | (a)               | .....           | 2            | 6            | 6              | (a)               | (a)          | (a)          | (a)            |
| Polish.....                                       | 16                                      | 247               | .....           | 5            | 15           | 16             | (a)               | (a)          | (a)          | (a)            |
| Foreign-born:                                     |   |                   |                 |              |              |                |                   |              |              |                |
| German.....                                       | 24                                      | 580               | .....           | 6            | 14           | 23             | .0                | 25.0         | 58.3         | 95.8           |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                              | 45                                      | 468               | 4               | 18           | 36           | 43             | 8.9               | 40.0         | 80.0         | 95.6           |
| Italian, South.....                               | 162                                     | 303               | 30              | 131          | 157          | 162            | 18.5              | 80.9         | 96.9         | 100.0          |
| Polish.....                                       | 173                                     | 333               | 46              | 118          | 160          | 173            | 26.6              | 68.2         | 92.5         | 100.0          |
| Syrian.....                                       | 25                                      | 262               | 10              | 20           | 25           | 25             | 40.0              | 80.0         | 100.0        | 100.0          |
| Grand total.....                                  | 576                                     | 393               | 105             | 342          | 476          | 565            | 18.2              | 59.4         | 82.6         | 98.1           |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....          | 74                                      | 485               | 12              | 31           | 45           | 71             | 16.2              | 41.9         | 60.8         | 95.9           |
| Total native-born.....                            | 147                                     | 530               | 15              | 49           | 84           | 139            | 10.2              | 33.3         | 57.1         | 94.6           |
| Total foreign-born.....                           | 429                                     | 346               | 90              | 293          | 392          | 426            | 21.0              | 68.3         | 91.4         | 99.3           |

(a) Not computed, owing to small number involved.

The high-wage earners, as indicated both by averages and by the distribution of individuals, are the native-born of native father and the Germans of native and of foreign birth. Next to these races in point of earnings are the Russian Hebrews, whose average earnings are a little more than \$100 lower than any one of the three and who have a much larger per cent of persons who have earned under \$400 within the year. None of the South Italians, Poles, or Syrians has earned as much as \$1,000 a year. These are the three races with lowest earnings, the Poles having earned on an average \$333, the South Italians \$303, and the Syrians \$262. Forty per cent of the Syrians, 26.6 per cent of the Poles, and 18.5 per cent of the South Italians have earned less than \$200, and 80 per cent, 68.2 per cent, and 80.9 per cent, respectively, have earned less than \$400. The Syrians are, on the whole, the lowest wage earners of the seven races represented by 20 or more persons, the South Italians are next to the lowest in point of average earnings, and the Poles have next to the largest proportion with very low earnings within the year.

A comparison of this table with Table 66 suggests that the wide differences in the earnings of the various races may be partly due to the fact that the non-English-speaking workingmen suffer more in times of depression than do those whose field of employment is not restricted by the limitations of an alien tongue. The earnings of women 18 years of age or older are shown in General Table 92 and in the table following, which presents the data in the form of cumulative numbers.

TABLE 49.—*Yearly earnings (approximate) of females 18 years of age or over, by general nativity and race of individual.*

| General nativity and race of individual.          | Number working for wages and reporting amount. | Average earnings. | Number earning— |              |              |              |
|---|--|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   |  |                   | Under \$200.    | Under \$300. | Under \$400. | Under \$500. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....          | 19   | \$278             | 7               | 11           | 16           | 17           |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |  |                   |                 |              |              |              |
| German.....                                       | 17   | 376               | 4               | 8            | 11           | 14           |
| Hebrew.....                                       | 4  | (a)               | 1               | 2            | 2            | 3            |
| Irish.....  | 1  | (a)               | .....           | .....        | 1            | 1            |
| Italian, South.....                               | 2  | (a)               | 1               | 2            | 2            | 2            |
| Polish.....                                       | 18   | 218               | 8               | 16           | 18           | 18           |
| Scotch.....                                       | 1  | (a)               | .....           | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Foreign-born:                                     |  |                   |                 |              |              |              |
| Canadian (other than French).....                 | 3  | (a)               | 3               | 3            | 3            | 3            |
| German.....                                       | 3  | (a)               | 2               | 3            | 3            | 3            |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                              | 8  | (a)               | 3               | 7            | 8            | 8            |
| Italian, South.....                               | 3  | (a)               | 3               | 3            | 3            | 3            |
| Polish.....                                       | 26   | 161               | 19              | 24           | 26           | 26           |
| Syrian.....                                       | 2  | (a)               | 2               | 2            | 2            | 2            |
| Grand total.....                                  | 107  | 234               | 53              | 82           | 96           | 101          |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....          | 43   | 290               | 14              | 29           | 35           | 39           |
| Total native-born.....                            | 62   | 286               | 21              | 40           | 51           | 56           |
| Total foreign-born.....                           | 45   | 162               | 32              | 42           | 45           | 45           |

(a) Not computed, owing to small number involved.

Only one race, the Polish, is represented by 20 women or more. Of these 19, or 73.1 per cent, earn under \$200; 24, or 92.3 per cent, earn under \$300; and all earn under \$400. The average of the earnings of the 26 is \$161. The per cents of the women of each general nativity who earn the amounts specified in the table appear below:

TABLE 50.—*Per cent of women earning each specified amount, by general nativity of individual.*

| General nativity of individual.    | Per cent earning— |              |              |              |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                    | Under \$200.      | Under \$300. | Under \$400. | Under \$500. |
| Native-born of foreign father..... | 32.6              | 67.4         | 81.4         | 90.7         |
| Native-born.....                   | 33.9              | 64.5         | 82.3         | 90.3         |
| Foreign-born.....                  | 71.1              | 93.3         | 100.0        | 100.0        |
| Grand total.....                   | 49.5              | 76.6         | 89.7         | 94.4         |

## FAMILY INCOMES.

The study of family incomes, which follows, covers the year ending at the time the schedules were taken. The greater part of that year fell within the period of financial depression immediately following the panic of 1908, and many incomes are in consequence undoubtedly lower than if the period covered were a normal year.

All families whose incomes are for any reason unknown or uncertain have been omitted from the study. The following classes are thus excluded: (1) Families living two or more to an apartment with financial relations so complicated or indefinite that incomes

from sources within the household are difficult of determination; (2) families which derive their incomes wholly or in part from the earnings of one or more members who work for profits, net earnings as given by persons in business on a small scale being, as a rule, only rough estimates. The number of families on which the study is based is thus reduced to 422.

Families are classified in General Table 93 according to the amount of total income. The table below presents the data of the general table in the form of cumulative per cents.

TABLE 51.—*Per cent of families having a total yearly income of each specified amount, by general nativity and race of head of family.*

[This table includes only races with 20 or more families reporting. The totals, however, are for all races. One family is included which reports income as "none."]

| General nativity and race of head of family.                  | Number of selected families, <sup>a</sup> | Average family income. | Per cent of families having a total income— |              |              |                |                |
|---|---|------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
|   |   |                        | Under \$300.                                | Under \$500. | Under \$750. | Under \$1,000. | Under \$1,500. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 45  | \$752                  | 4.4   | 28.9         | 62.2         | 77.8           | 95.6           |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 33  | 816                    | 3.0   | 21.2         | 48.5         | 81.8           | 93.9           |
| Foreign-born:   |   |                        |   |              |              |                |                |
| German.....   | 35  | 913                    | 8.6   | 22.9         | 42.9         | 74.3           | 91.4           |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 36  | 753                    | 5.6   | 22.2         | 63.9         | 75.0           | 97.2           |
| Italian, South.....   | 115                                       | 373                    | 35.7  | 86.1         | 96.5         | 97.4           | 99.1           |
| Polish.....   | 158                                       | 502                    | 29.7  | 55.1         | 80.4         | 94.3           | 98.7           |
| Grand total.....  | 422                                       | 574                    | 22.7  | 52.6         | 75.8         | 89.1           | 97.4           |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 33  | 816                    | 3.0   | 21.2         | 48.5         | 81.8           | 93.9           |
| Total native-born.....  | 78  | 779                    | 3.8   | 25.6         | 56.4         | 79.5           | 94.9           |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 344                                       | 527                    | 27.0  | 58.7         | 80.2         | 91.3           | 98.0           |

<sup>a</sup> For selection of families, see Vol. II, p. 10.

The range of incomes among the families studied is wide. Every race has at least one instance of a family with income under \$300 and at least one instance of a family with an income of \$1,500 or more. The variation among races is also wide. The average income of the immigrant Germans is greater than the sum of the average incomes of the South Italians and Poles. Except the South Italians and Poles, however, all races average more than \$750 and have fewer than 30 per cent of their families with incomes under \$500. Of the South Italian families 86.1 per cent and of the Poles 55.1 per cent have incomes of less than \$500, while 35.7 per cent of the Italians and 29.7 per cent of the Poles have even less than \$300, or considerably less than a dollar a day. To families without savings or credit such an income must in many cases mean privation. It is small wonder that expressions of dissatisfaction with the new country were not infrequently heard by the agents who took these schedules.

The above figures do not in all cases represent net incomes. The payments of boarders or lodgers, for example, although gross in their nature, are included in the family income. The table following gives the per cents of the total income, which are derived from the earnings of husband, wife, and children, and are therefore net; also the per cents from boarders or lodgers and from other sources, chiefly

rents and the contributions of relatives or friends who pay either more or less than boarders or lodgers; the income that is derived from the latter sources is largely gross.

TABLE 52.—*Per cent of total yearly income from husband, wife, children, boarders, or lodgers, and other sources, by general nativity and race of head of family.*

[This table includes only races with 20 or more families reporting. The totals, however, are for all races. One family is excluded which reports income as "none."]

| General nativity and race of head of family.                  | Number of selected families. <sup>a</sup> | Per cent of total income from— |       |           |                                   |                |
|---|---|--------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
|   |   | Earnings of—                   |       |           | Pay-ments of boarders or lodgers. | Other sources. |
|   |   | Husband.                       | Wife. | Children. |                                   |                |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 45  | 70.6                           | 6.2   | 17.5      | 4.5                               | 1.1            |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 33  | 68.0                           | 2.9   | 19.0      | 7.5                               | 2.6            |
| Foreign-born:   |   |                                |       |           |                                   |                |
| German.....   | 34  | 39.0                           | 1.3   | 41.2      | 1.5                               | 17.1           |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 36  | 56.2                           | .0    | 26.8      | 6.7                               | 10.3           |
| Italian, South.....   | 115                                       | 79.2                           | .0    | 10.2      | 8.6                               | 2.0            |
| Polish.....   | 158                                       | 61.6                           | 2.1   | 27.6      | 2.7                               | 6.1            |
| Grand total.....  | 421                                       | 63.1                           | 2.0   | 23.8      | 4.8                               | 6.2            |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 33  | 68.0                           | 2.9   | 19.0      | 7.5                               | 2.6            |
| Total native-born.....  | 78  | 69.5                           | 4.7   | 18.2      | 5.9                               | 1.8            |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 343                                       | 61.0                           | 1.1   | 25.7      | 4.5                               | 7.7            |

<sup>a</sup> For selection of families, see Vol. II, p. 10.

The per cent of the total income derived from earnings of members of the immediate family, and therefore net in its nature, follows, by race.

|                                   | Per cent. |                               | Per cent. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Native-born of native father..... | 94.3      | South Italians.....           | 89.4      |
| Poles.....                        | 91.3      | Russian Hebrews.....          | 83.0      |
| Germans of native birth.....      | 89.9      | Germans of foreign birth..... | 81.5      |

The relative position of the Germans in regard to net income is in reality more advantageous than appears from the above figures, for among the Germans are two heads of families who are retired and derive their incomes entirely from liberal pensions. The Germans, Russian Hebrews, and Poles have rather high per cents of incomes from sources not specified. Among the Hebrews and Poles this income is mainly from rents of small apartments.

All of the six races except the Germans of foreign birth derive more than half of their income from the earnings of the husband, this income being for every race supplemented most largely by the earnings of the children. In the case of the Germans the children earn, on the whole, a slightly higher per cent of the income than do the husbands. It will be recalled that this race has on an average a considerably higher income than any other. The South Italians, who have the smallest incomes of any race, have a higher per cent of income from the earnings of the husband and a lower per cent from the earnings of children than any other race.

The number of families which have had income within the year reported on from each of the five sources listed in the table above appears in General Table 94. The following table gives the data in the form of per cents:

TABLE 53.—*Per cent of families having an income within the year from husband, wife, children, boarders, or lodgers and other sources, by general nativity and race of head of family.*

[This table includes only races with 20 or more families reporting. The totals, however, are for all races. One family is excluded which reports income as "none."]

| General nativity and race of head of family.                  | Number of selected families. <sup>a</sup> | Per cent of families having an income from— |       |           |                                   |                |
|---|---|---|-------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
|   |   | Earnings of—                                |       |           | Pay-ments of boarders or lodgers. | Other sources. |
|   |   | Husband.                                    | Wife. | Children. |                                   |                |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 45  | 86.7  | 17.8  | 26.7      | 20.0                              | 4.4            |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 33  | 81.8  | 12.1  | 30.3      | 18.2                              | 9.1            |
| Foreign-born:   |   |   |       |           |                                   |                |
| German.....   | 34  | 58.8  | 8.8   | 47.1      | 5.9                               | 38.2           |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 36  | 86.1  | .0    | 33.3      | 33.3                              | 25.0           |
| Italian, South.....   | 115                                       | 99.1  | .0    | 8.7       | 37.4                              | 1.7            |
| Polish.....   | 158                                       | 90.5  | 7.6   | 37.3      | 9.5                               | 29.1           |
| Grand total.....  | 421                                       | 88.8  | 6.4   | 28.3      | 20.8                              | 17.8           |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 33  | 81.8  | 12.1  | 30.3      | 18.2                              | 9.1            |
| Total native-born.....  | 78  | 84.6  | 15.4  | 28.2      | 19.2                              | 6.4            |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 343                                       | 89.8  | 4.4   | 28.3      | 21.1                              | 20.4           |

<sup>a</sup> For selection of families, see Vol. II, p. 10.

The South Italians, who have, on an average, the lowest incomes of the six races, have the highest per cents of families with income from the husband and from boarders or lodgers and the lowest per cents with incomes from children and from other sources. The Germans, who have the highest average income of all the races, have the lowest per cents with incomes from the husband and from boarders or lodgers, and the highest per cents with incomes from children and from other sources. The South Italians are young families with few children of working age; the Germans are old families with grown children, who as a rule, earn good wages.

Of the 13 families which constitute the 38.2 per cent of Germans with income from sources not specified 7 are families with incomes from rent; of the 9 Russian Hebrew families 6 are families with incomes from rent; and of the 46 Polish families 38 have incomes from rent.

In the table above each family is counted as many times as it has sources of income. In the table following each family is listed but once according to the source or combination of sources from which it derives its entire income. The table is based on General Table 95.

TABLE 54.—*Source of family income in detail, by general nativity and race of head of family.*

[This table includes only races with 20 or more families reporting. The totals, however, are for all races. One family is excluded which reports income as "none."]

| General nativity and race of head of family.                  | Number of selected families. <sup>a</sup> | Per cent of families having entire income from— |                   |                       |                              |                                  |       |                    |                               |           |                                   |                      |   |
|---|---|---|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---|
|   |   | Husband.  | Husband and wife. | Husband and children. | Husband, wife, and children. | Husband and boarders or lodgers. | Wife. | Wife and children. | Wife and boarders or lodgers. | Children. | Children and boarders or lodgers. | Boarders or lodgers. | Sources or combination of sources not before specified. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 45  | 48.9  | 6.7               | 11.1                  | 2.2                          | 11.1                             | 2.2   | 4.4                | 2.2                           | 0.0       | 4.4                               | 0.0                  | 6.7   |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 33  | 45.5  | 3.0               | 18.2                  | .0                           | 9.1                              | 3.0   | 3.0                | .0                            | .0        | .0                                | 6.1                  | 12.1  |
| Foreign-born:   |   |   |                   |                       |                              |                                  |       |                    |                               |           |                                   |                      |   |
| German.....   | 34  | 23.5  | 2.9               | 17.6                  | 2.9                          | 2.9                              | .0    | 2.9                | .0                            | 8.8       | .0                                | .0                   | 38.2  |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 36  | 27.8  | .0                | 8.3                   | .0                           | 25.0                             | .0    | .0                 | .0                            | 8.3       | .0                                | .0                   | 30.6  |
| Italian, South.....   | 115                                       | 53.0  | .0                | 7.8                   | .0                           | 36.5                             | .0    | .0                 | .0                            | .0        | .0                                | .0                   | 2.6   |
| Polish.....   | 158                                       | 38.6  | 3.8               | 16.5                  | .6                           | 5.1                              | .6    | .0                 | .6                            | 4.4       | .0                                | .0                   | 29.7  |
| Grand total.....  | 421                                       | 42.0  | 2.6               | 13.1                  | .7                           | 16.2                             | .7    | 1.0                | .5                            | 3.1       | .5                                | .5                   | 19.2  |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 33  | 45.5  | 3.0               | 18.2                  | .0                           | 9.1                              | 3.0   | 3.0                | .0                            | .0        | .0                                | 6.1                  | 12.1  |
| Total native-born.....  | 78  | 47.4  | 5.1               | 14.1                  | 1.3                          | 10.3                             | 2.6   | 3.8                | 1.3                           | .0        | 2.6                               | 2.6                  | 9.0   |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 343                                       | 40.8  | 2.0               | 12.8                  | .6                           | 17.5                             | .3    | .3                 | .3                            | 3.8       | .0                                | .0                   | 21.6  |

<sup>a</sup> For selection of families, see Vol. II, p. 10.

Of the 421 families included in this table 42 per cent derive their income entirely from the earnings of the husband. The races with proportions higher than this figure are the South Italians, the native-born of native father, and the native-born of German father, the South Italians being the only race with more than half of the families entirely dependent upon the earnings of the husband.

The sum of the per cents representing families with incomes entirely from the earnings of members will give some indication of the proportion of families with net incomes:

|                                   | Per cent. |                            | Per cent. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Native-born of native father..... | 75.5      | South Italians.....        | 60.8      |
| Native-born of German father..... | 72.7      | Germans, foreign-born..... | 58.6      |
| Polish.....                       | 64.5      | Russian Hebrews.....       | 44.4      |

The number of families in which husbands are present and the number and per cent of husbands at work are as follows:

TABLE 55.—*Husbands at work, by general nativity and race of individual.*

| General nativity and race of individual.                      | Number of selected families. <sup>a</sup> | Total number of husbands. | Number of husbands at work. | Per cent of husbands at work. |
|---|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 45  | 39                        | 39                          | 100.0                         |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 33  | 27                        | 27                          | 100.0                         |
| Foreign-born:   |   |                           |                             |                               |
| German.....   | 35  | 26                        | 20                          | 76.9                          |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 36  | 33                        | 31                          | 93.9                          |
| Italian, South.....   | 115                                       | 115                       | 114                         | 99.1                          |
| Polish.....   | 158                                       | 148                       | 143                         | 96.6                          |
| Grand total.....  | 422                                       | 388                       | 374                         | 96.4                          |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 33  | 27                        | 27                          | 100.0                         |
| Total native-born.....  | 78  | 66                        | 66                          | 100.0                         |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 344                                       | 322                       | 308                         | 95.7                          |

<sup>a</sup> For selection of families, see Vol. II, p. 10.

The German families which are as a rule comparatively old are without the husband in a greater proportion of cases than those of any other race and also have a larger per cent of husbands no longer working. More than 90 per cent of the husbands of all other races are working. The earnings of husbands at work appear in the following table, which presents the data of General Table 96 in the form of cumulative numbers and per cents.

TABLE 56.—*Earnings per year of male heads of families, by general nativity and race of individual.*

[This table includes only male heads of selected families. For selection of families, see Vol. II, p. 10.]

| General nativity and race of individual.                      | Number working for wages. | Average earnings. | Number earning— |              |              |              |              |                | Per cent earning— |              |              |              |              |                |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
|   |                           |                   | Under \$100.    | Under \$200. | Under \$400. | Under \$600. | Under \$800. | Under \$1,000. | Under \$100.      | Under \$200. | Under \$400. | Under \$600. | Under \$800. | Under \$1,000. |
| Native-born of native father, White..                         | 39                        | \$613             | .....           | .....        | 7            | 19           | 32           | 36             | 0.0               | 0.0          | 17.9         | 48.7         | 82.1         | 92.3           |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 27                        | 678               | .....           | 1            | 3            | 8            | 22           | 24             | .0                | 3.7          | 11.1         | 29.6         | 81.5         | 88.9           |
| Foreign-born:   |                           |                   |                 |              |              |              |              |                |                   |              |              |              |              |                |
| German.....   | 20                        | 623               | .....           | .....        | 3            | 11           | 15           | 19             | .0                | .0           | 15.0         | 55.0         | 75.0         | 95.0           |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 31                        | 491               | .....           | 1            | 9            | 26           | 29           | 29             | .0                | 3.2          | 29.0         | 83.9         | 93.5         | 93.5           |
| Italian, South.....   | 114                       | 298               | 3               | 19           | 95           | 112          | 114          | 114            | 2.6               | 16.7         | 83.3         | 98.2         | 100.0        | 100.0          |
| Polish.....   | 143                       | 342               | 7               | 34           | 95           | 132          | 142          | 143            | 4.9               | 23.8         | 66.4         | 92.3         | 99.3         | 100.0          |
| Grand total.....  | 374                       | 408               | 10              | 55           | 212          | 308          | 354          | 365            | 2.7               | 14.7         | 56.7         | 82.4         | 94.7         | 97.6           |
| Total native-born of foreign father...                        | 27                        | 678               | ...             | 1            | 3            | 8            | 22           | 24             | .0                | 3.7          | 11.1         | 29.6         | 81.5         | 88.9           |
| Total native-born.....  | 66                        | 639               | ...             | 1            | 10           | 27           | 54           | 60             | .0                | 1.5          | 15.2         | 40.9         | 81.8         | 90.9           |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 308                       | 359               | 10              | 54           | 202          | 281          | 300          | 305            | 3.2               | 17.5         | 65.6         | 91.2         | 97.4         | 99.0           |



The average earnings of all husbands is \$408. The Poles and South Italians are the only races which have lower average earnings than this amount. South Italian husbands have earned on an average \$298. Three, or 2.6 per cent, have earned less than \$100; 19, or 16.7 per cent, have earned less than \$200; 95, or 83.3 per cent, have earned less than \$400; and none has earned as much as \$800. Polish husbands have averaged \$342. Seven, or 4.9 per cent, have earned under \$100; 34, or 23.8 per cent have earned under \$200; and 95, or 66.4 per cent, have earned under \$400. None has earned as much as \$1,000. German husbands of native birth have the highest average earnings and the largest proportion who have earned \$1,000 or more.

The number of families with wife present and the number and per cent of wives at work follows:

TABLE 57.—*Wives at work, by general nativity and race of head of family.*

| General nativity and race of head of family.              | Number of selected families. <sup>a</sup> | Total number of wives. | Number of wives at work. | Per cent of wives at work. |
|---|---|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Native-born of native father, White.....                  | 45  | 45                     | 8                        | 17.8                       |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German. | 33  | 32                     | 4                        | 12.5                       |
| Foreign-born:   |   |                        |                          |                            |
| German.....   | 35  | 34                     | 3                        | 8.8                        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                                      | 36  | 35                     | .....                    | .0                         |
| Italian, South.....                                       | 115                                       | 115                    | .....                    | .0                         |
| Polish.....   | 158                                       | 155                    | 12                       | 7.7                        |
| Grand total.....  | 422                                       | 416                    | 27                       | 6.5                        |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                  | 33  | 32                     | 4                        | 12.5                       |
| Total native-born.....                                    | 78  | 77                     | 12                       | 15.6                       |
| Total foreign-born.....                                   | 344                                       | 339                    | 15                       | 4.4                        |

<sup>a</sup> For selection of families, see Vol. II, p. 10.

Of the 422 families included in this study only six are without the wife. Twenty-seven, or 6.5 per cent, of all wives are at work, among the native families 15.6 per cent, and among the foreign 4.4 per cent. No wives of Russian Hebrews or South Italians are at work. The average earnings of the wives of native-born husbands are \$240 and of foreign-born husbands \$137. The average earnings of all wives at work are \$182.

Families with both husband and wife present are classified according to the amount of the husband's earnings in the two tables which follow, and for each group the number and per cent of wives who add to the income by having employment or keeping boarders or lodgers are given.

TABLE 58.—*Number of families in which wife has employment or keeps boarders or lodgers, by yearly earnings of husband and by general nativity and race of head of family.*

[The families here represented are only those where both husband and wife are present.]

| General nativity and race of head of family.                  | Number of selected families. <sup>a</sup> | Number of husbands earning— |                        |                | Number of wives having employment or keeping boarders or lodgers. | Number of wives having employment or keeping boarders or lodgers where husbands' earnings are— |                        |                |
|---|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---|--|------------------------|----------------|
|   |   | Under \$400. <sup>b</sup>   | \$400 and under \$600. | \$600 or over. |   | Under \$400. <sup>c</sup>  | \$400 and under \$600. | \$600 or over. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 39  | 7                           | 12                     | 20             | 10  | 2  | 4                      | 4              |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 26  | 3                           | 4                      | 19             | 4   | 1  | .....                  | 3              |
| Foreign-born:   |   |                             |                        |                |   |  |                        |                |
| German.....   | 25  | 9                           | 7                      | 9              | 4   | 1  | 3                      | .....          |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 32  | 10                          | 17                     | 5              | 12  | 4  | 5                      | 3              |
| Italian, South.....   | 115                                       | 96                          | 17                     | 2              | 43  | 34   | 8                      | 1              |
| Polish.....   | 145                                       | 97                          | 37                     | 11             | 23  | 18   | 3                      | 2              |
| Grand total.....  | 382                                       | 222                         | 94                     | 66             | 96  | 60   | 23                     | 13             |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 26  | 3                           | 4                      | 19             | 4   | 1  | .....                  | 3              |
| Total native-born.....  | 65  | 10                          | 16                     | 39             | 14  | 3  | .....                  | 7              |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 317                                       | 212                         | 78                     | 27             | 82  | 57   | 19                     | 6              |

<sup>a</sup> For selection of families, see Vol. II, p. 10.<sup>b</sup> This column includes 13 families in which husbands' earnings are reported as "none."<sup>c</sup> This column includes 1 family in which husband's earnings are reported as "none."TABLE 59.—*Per cent of families in which wife has employment or keeps boarders or lodgers, by yearly earnings of husband and by general nativity and race of head of family.*

[This table includes only races with 20 or more selected families reporting. The totals, however, are for all races. For selection of families, see Vol. II, p. 10. Of the selected families only those which have both husband and wife present appear in this table.]

| General nativity and race of head of family.                  | Per cent of wives having employment or keeping boarders or lodgers where husbands' earnings are— |                        |                  |        |
|---|--|------------------------|------------------|--------|
|   | Under \$400. <sup>a</sup>  | \$400 and under \$600. | \$600 or over.   | Total. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 28.6   | 33.3                   | 20.0             | 25.6   |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | ( <sup>b</sup> )   | ( <sup>b</sup> )       | 15.8             | 15.4   |
| Foreign-born:   |  |                        |                  |        |
| German.....   | 11.1   | 42.9                   | .0               | 16.0   |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 40.0   | 29.4                   | 60.0             | 37.5   |
| Italian, South.....   | 35.4   | 47.1                   | ( <sup>b</sup> ) | 37.4   |
| Polish.....   | 18.6   | 8.1                    | 18.2             | 15.9   |
| Grand total.....  | 27.0   | 24.5                   | 19.7             | 25.1   |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | ( <sup>b</sup> )   | ( <sup>b</sup> )       | 15.8             | 15.4   |
| Total native-born.....  | 30.0   | 25.0                   | 17.9             | 21.5   |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 26.9   | 24.4                   | 22.2             | 25.8   |

<sup>a</sup> This column includes 1 family in which husband's earnings are reported as "none."<sup>b</sup> Not computed owing to small number involved.

Russian Hebrew and South Italian husbands, although they have no wives working for wages, have in higher proportions of cases than the other races wives who are supplementing their earnings. This the wives do by keeping boarders or lodgers. The native-born of native father are assisted by their wives in one way or the other in about one-fourth of the cases. The Germans of both generations and the Poles have almost equally low proportions of wives who are supplementing the family income.

From the totals it will be seen that in general the proportion of wives at work or keeping boarders or lodgers is a little lower among the families with the higher earnings of husbands. No such tendency, however, is observable race by race.

## CHAPTER VI.

### ASSIMILATION.

#### RESIDENCE IN APARTMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD, AND CITY.

The process of becoming an American is dependent upon acquaintance with America. Such acquaintance proceeds most slowly in racial colonies, where the individual is surrounded by others like himself in language, thought, customs, and attachment to things of the past. By reference to General Table 58 it will be seen that the races in Buffalo which are most distinctly colonized are the South Italian and Polish. Some idea of the experience of the United States on the part of the races studied may be gained from the following table. The table shows the numbers and per cents of the households of each race which have spent the whole time since arrival or establishment in the United States, in the apartment, the neighborhood, and the city. Group households are excluded from the table, because, lacking the nucleus of the family, they are transient in their nature. The table is based on General Table 97.

TABLE 60.—*Number and per cent of family households which have spent whole time in apartment, neighborhood, and city, by length of time established in the United States and by general nativity and race of head of household.*

[Length of time established in the United States is, for families formed in the United States, the number of years since marriage, and for families formed abroad, the number of years the family has resided in the United States.]

#### ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES LESS THAN 5 YEARS.

| General nativity and race of head of household.           | Number reporting complete data. | Number which have spent whole time in— |               |       | Per cent which have spent whole time in— |               |       |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------|-------|--|---------------|-------|
|   |                                 | Apartment.                             | Neighborhood. | City. | Apartment.                               | Neighborhood. | City. |
| Native-born of native father, White.                      | 12                              | 2                                      | 8             | 12    | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German. | 7                               | 3                                      | 6             | 7     | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |  |               |       |  |               |       |
| German.   | 4                               | 1                                      | 3             | 3     | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Hebrew, Russian.  | 38                              | 5                                      | 23            | 37    | 13.2                                     | 60.5          | 97.4  |
| Italian, South.   | 52                              | 21                                     | 49            | 49    | 40.4                                     | 94.2          | 94.2  |
| Polish.   | 44                              | 8                                      | 40            | 41    | 18.2                                     | 90.9          | 93.2  |
| Syrian.   | 20                              | 3                                      | 16            | 16    | 15.0                                     | 80.0          | 80.0  |
| Grand total.  | 177                             | 43                                     | 145           | 185   | 24.3                                     | 81.9          | 93.2  |
| Total native-born of foreign father.                      | 7                               | 3                                      | 6             | 7     | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Total native-born.  | 19                              | 5                                      | 14            | 19    | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Total foreign-born.                                       | 158                             | 38                                     | 131           | 146   | 24.1                                     | 82.9          | 92.4  |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

TABLE 60.—*Number and per cent of family households which have spent whole time in apartment, neighborhood, and city, by length of time established in the United States and by general nativity and race of head of household—Continued.*

## ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES 5 TO 9 YEARS.

| General nativity and race of head of household.               | Number reporting complete data. | Number which have spent whole time in— |               |       | Per cent which have spent whole time in— |               |       |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------|-------|--|---------------|-------|
|   |                                 | Apartment.                             | Neighborhood. | City. | Apartment.                               | Neighborhood. | City. |
| Native-born of native father, White.                          | 10                              | 2                                      | 2             | 8     | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 6                               | 2                                      | 3             | 6     | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |  |               |       |  |               |       |
| German.....   | 4                               | .....                                  | 2             | 2     | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 11                              | .....                                  | 6             | 9     | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Italian, South.....   | 59                              | 12                                     | 52            | 53    | 20.3                                     | 88.1          | 89.8  |
| Polish.....   | 26                              | 3                                      | 25            | 25    | 11.5                                     | 96.2          | 96.2  |
| Syrian.....   | 19                              | 1                                      | 10            | 10    | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Grand total.....  | 135                             | 20                                     | 100           | 113   | 14.8                                     | 74.1          | 83.7  |
| Total native-born of foreign father..                         | 6                               | 2                                      | 3             | 6     | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Total native-born.....  | 16                              | 4                                      | 5             | 14    | (a)                                      | (a)           | (a)   |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 119                             | 16                                     | 95            | 99    | 13.4                                     | 79.8          | 83.2  |

## ESTABLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES 10 YEARS OR OVER.

|  |     |       |     |     |      |      |      |
|--|-----|-------|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Native-born of native father, White.                         | 40  | 1     | 15  | 23  | 2.5  | 37.5 | 57.5 |
| Native-born of foreign father by race of father, German..... | 30  | 4     | 17  | 26  | 13.3 | 56.7 | 86.7 |
| Foreign-born:  |     |       |     |     |      |      |      |
| German.....  | 35  | 1     | 17  | 33  | 2.9  | 48.6 | 94.3 |
| Hebrew, Russian.....   | 23  | ..... | 11  | 17  | .0   | 47.8 | 73.9 |
| Italian, South.....  | 69  | 9     | 59  | 61  | 13.0 | 85.5 | 88.4 |
| Polish.....  | 110 | 1     | 101 | 101 | .9   | 91.8 | 91.8 |
| Syrian.....  | 8   | ..... | 3   | 3   | (a)  | (a)  | (a)  |
| Grand total.....   | 315 | 16    | 223 | 264 | 5.1  | 70.8 | 83.8 |
| Total native-born of foreign father..                        | 30  | 4     | 17  | 26  | 13.3 | 56.7 | 86.7 |
| Total native-born.....                                       | 70  | 5     | 32  | 49  | 7.1  | 45.7 | 70.0 |
| Total foreign-born.....                                      | 245 | 11    | 191 | 215 | 4.5  | 78.0 | 87.8 |

## TOTAL.

|   |     |    |     |     |      |      |      |
|---|-----|----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Native-born of native father, White.                          | 62  | 5  | 25  | 43  | 8.1  | 40.3 | 69.4 |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 43  | 9  | 26  | 39  | 20.9 | 60.5 | 90.7 |
| Foreign-born:   |     |    |     |     |      |      |      |
| German.....   | 43  | 2  | 22  | 38  | 4.7  | 51.2 | 88.4 |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 72  | 5  | 40  | 63  | 6.9  | 55.6 | 87.5 |
| Italian, South.....   | 180 | 42 | 160 | 163 | 23.3 | 88.9 | 90.6 |
| Polish.....   | 180 | 12 | 166 | 167 | 6.7  | 92.2 | 92.8 |
| Syrian.....   | 47  | 4  | 29  | 29  | 8.5  | 61.7 | 61.7 |
| Grand total.....  | 627 | 79 | 468 | 542 | 12.6 | 74.6 | 86.4 |
| Total native-born of foreign father..                         | 43  | 9  | 26  | 39  | 20.9 | 60.5 | 90.7 |
| Total native-born.....  | 105 | 14 | 51  | 82  | 13.3 | 48.6 | 78.1 |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 522 | 65 | 417 | 460 | 12.5 | 79.9 | 88.1 |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

The two races which in General Table 58 show the greatest tendency to colonize show also the least experience of neighborhoods other than those where they now reside. The Poles have 92.2 per cent and the South Italians have 88.9 per cent of their households with no residence outside the neighborhood.

The proportions of South Italian households with residence limited entirely to the neighborhood are smaller among the households of older standing than among those recently established, the per cents in the three groups being 94.2, 88.1, and 85.5. The proportions of Polish households with residence entirely within the neighborhood are greater among the households established for the longer periods than for those established under five years. Considering the fact that Polish households have, on the whole, a considerably longer period of establishment than the South Italian households, they show a distinctly greater tendency to cling to the neighborhood than do the South Italians.

The Poles, second-generation Germans, and South Italians have more than 90 per cent of households with residence entirely within the city of Buffalo. The Syrians have the smallest proportion of households which have resided exclusively in Buffalo, and have acquired the reputation of moving a great deal from city to city. The native-born of native father have the second highest proportion of households which have lived outside of Buffalo.

#### YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES.

The number of years since first arrival in the United States is shown below for foreign-born male heads of households. Since visits abroad have been made by only about 8 per cent of these immigrant heads of households and since in almost all cases the duration of the visit was short, the table indicates the length of residence in the United States. The table is based on General Table 64.

TABLE 61.—*Number and per cent of foreign-born male heads of households in the United States under 5 years, 5 to 9 years, etc., by race of individual.*

[By years in the United States is meant years since first arrival in the United States. No deduction is made for time spent abroad.]

| Race of individual.  | Number reporting complete data. | Number in the United States each specified number of years. |         |           |             | Per cent in the United States each specified number of years. |         |           |             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------|-----------|-------------|---|---------|-----------|-------------|
|                      |                                 | Under 5.  | 5 to 9. | 10 to 19. | 20 or over. | Under 5.  | 5 to 9. | 10 to 19. | 20 or over. |
| German.....          | 31                              | 2   | 1       | 3         | 25          | 6.5   | 3.2     | 9.7       | 80.6        |
| Hebrew, Russian..... | 65                              | 28  | 11      | 17        | 9           | 43.1  | 16.9    | 26.2      | 13.3        |
| Italian, South.....  | 205                             | 26  | 62      | 77        | 40          | 12.7  | 30.2    | 37.6      | 19.5        |
| Polish.....          | 179                             | 25  | 34      | 68        | 52          | 14.0  | 19.0    | 38.0      | 29.1        |
| Syrian.....          | 44                              | 5   | 24      | 15        | .....       | 11.4  | 54.5    | 34.1      | .9          |
| Total.....           | 524                             | 86  | 132     | 180       | 126         | 16.4  | 25.2    | 34.4      | 24.0        |

The data of the preceding table appear, in cumulative form, as follows:

TABLE 62.—*Per cent of foreign-born male heads of households in the United States under 5 years, under 10 years, etc., by race of individual.*

[By years in the United States is meant years since first arrival in the United States. No deduction is made for time spent abroad.]

| Race of individual.  | Number reporting complete data. | Per cent of persons in United States each specified number of years. |           |           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|
|                      |                                 | Under 5.   | Under 10. | Under 20. |
| German.....          | 31                              | 6.5  | 9.7       | 19.4      |
| Hebrew, Russian..... | 65                              | 43.1   | 60.0      | 86.2      |
| Italian, South.....  | 205                             | 12.7   | 42.9      | 80.5      |
| Polish.....          | 179                             | 14.0   | 33.0      | 70.9      |
| Syrian.....          | 44                              | 11.4   | 65.9      | 100.0     |
| Total.....           | 524                             | 16.4   | 41.6      | 76.0      |

Of the 524 foreign-born male heads of households 16.4 per cent have been in the United States under five years, 41.6 per cent have been here under ten years, and 76 per cent have been here under twenty years. Of the five races the Germans have by far the largest proportion of male heads of households who have been in the United States at least twenty years; fewer than one-fifth have come to this country within the last twenty years. A small proportion of the Russian Hebrews have been in the country twenty years or more, but the majority have been here under ten years, and by far the largest percentage of any race have been here under five years. South Italians, Poles, and Syrians have fewer than 15 per cent of their heads of households in this country under five years. The Syrians, however, have much the largest proportion here under ten years and have none in the United States as long as twenty years; they are, on the whole, much more recent immigrants than the South Italians or Poles.

#### ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH.

The ability to speak English is shown for male heads of households in the following table, based on General Table 98:

TABLE 63.—*Number and per cent of male heads of households who speak English, by general nativity and race of individual.*

[This table includes only non-English-speaking races.]

| General nativity and race of individual.                      | Number reporting complete data. | Number who speak English. | Per cent who speak English. |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 39                              | 39                        | 100.0                       |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |                           |                             |
| German.....   | 31                              | 26                        | 83.9                        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 65                              | 37                        | 56.9                        |
| Italian, South.....   | 201                             | 34                        | 16.9                        |
| Polish.....   | 177                             | 61                        | 34.5                        |
| Syrian.....   | 44                              | 10                        | 22.7                        |
| Grand total.....  | 557                             | 207                       | 37.2                        |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 39                              | 39                        | 100.0                       |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 518                             | 168                       | 32.4                        |

All of the second-generation Germans speak the English language. Of the 518 immigrants only 168, or 32.4 per cent, speak English. The South Italians and Syrians show less than the average ability to use the language and the Poles show only a little greater ability than the average. More than half of the Russian Hebrews speak English, but the German immigrants have by far the highest per cent of English speakers of the five races.

The number and per cent of English speakers among women who are heads of households or the wives of heads appear in the following table, which is based on General Table 99:

TABLE 64.—*Number and per cent of females who speak English, by general nativity and race of individual.*

[This table includes only female heads of households and wives of heads of households of non-English-speaking races.]

| General nativity and race of individual.          | Number reporting complete data. | Number who speak English. | Per cent who speak English. |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |                                 |                           |                             |
| French.....                                       | 2                               | 2                         | (a)                         |
| German.....                                       | 43                              | 43                        | 100.0                       |
| Hebrew.....                                       | 1                               | 1                         | (a)                         |
| Italian, South.....                               | 6                               | 6                         | (a)                         |
| Polish.....                                       | 7                               | 2                         | (a)                         |
| Foreign-born:                                     |                                 |                           |                             |
| German.....                                       | 43                              | 34                        | 79.1                        |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                              | 64                              | 25                        | 39.1                        |
| Hebrew, Other.....                                | 5                               | 4                         | (a)                         |
| Italian, South.....                               | 197                             | 14                        | 7.1                         |
| Polish.....                                       | 175                             | 22                        | 12.6                        |
| Syrian.....                                       | 43                              | 4                         | 9.3                         |
| Grand total.....                                  | 586                             | 157                       | 26.8                        |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....          | 59                              | 54                        | 91.5                        |
| Total foreign-born.....                           | 527                             | 103                       | 19.5                        |

<sup>a</sup> Not computed, owing to small number involved.

All of the second-generation Germans speak English. Among the immigrant races the percentages of women who speak English are in every case lower than the percentages of men who speak the language. The order of the races in respect to the use of English is, however, the same as in the previous table, the Germans being able to speak the language in the largest proportion of cases, the Russian Hebrews being next to the Germans in this regard, and the Polish, Syrians, and South Italians following in the order named.

In the table next submitted foreign-born male heads of households are divided into three groups, according to the number of years since their first arrival in the United States, and the numbers and per cents who can speak English are shown for each group. The table is derived from General Table 100.



TABLE 65.—*Number and per cent of foreign-born male heads of households who speak English, by years in the United States and race of individual.*

[This table includes only non-English-speaking races. By years in the United States is meant years since first arrival in the United States.]

| Race of individual.  | Number reporting complete data. | Number in United States each specified number of years. |         |             | Number who speak English, by years in the United States. |         |             | Per cent who speak English, by years in the United States. |         |             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------|-------------|--|---------|-------------|--|---------|-------------|
|                      |                                 | Under 5.  | 5 to 9. | 10 or over. | Under 5.   | 5 to 9. | 10 or over. | Under 5.   | 5 to 9. | 10 or over. |
| German.....          | 31                              | 2   | 1       | 28          | 1  | .....   | 25          | (a)  | (a)     | 89.3        |
| Hebrew, Russian..... | 65                              | 28  | 11      | 26          | 7  | 7       | 23          | 25.0   | (a)     | 88.5        |
| Italian, South.....  | 201                             | 25  | 62      | 114         | .....  | 4       | 30          | .0   | 6.5     | 26.3        |
| Polish.....          | 177                             | 24  | 34      | 119         | .....  | 10      | 51          | .0   | 29.4    | 42.9        |
| Syrian.....          | 44                              | 5   | 24      | 15          | .....  | 3       | 7           | (a)  | 12.5    | (a)         |
| Total.....           | 518                             | 84  | 132     | 302         | 8  | 24      | 136         | 9.5  | 18.2    | 45.0        |

(a) Not computed, owing to small number involved.

In the group in the United States under five years three races are represented by 20 or more persons. The South Italians and Poles have no one in this group able to speak English; the Russian Hebrews have 7 persons, or 25 per cent, who can speak the language. Of the three races in the second group represented by 20 or more persons the Poles have the highest proportion of English speakers, the Syrians the second highest, and the South Italians the lowest. In the group of older immigrants the Germans, closely followed by the Hebrews, have the high proportions able to speak English. The Poles have only 42.9 per cent and the South Italians only 26.3 per cent of persons who, after ten years' residence, can speak the language of the new country. In this connection the showing of these two races in Table 61 should be recalled.

Foreign-born male heads of households are classified in the following table according to their age at the time of their arrival in the United States, and the number who can speak English is shown for each group. The table is based on General Table 101.

TABLE 66.—*Number of foreign-born male heads of households who speak English, by age at time of coming to the United States and race of individual.*

[This table includes only non-English-speaking races.]

| Race of individual.  | Number reporting complete data. | Number of each specified age at time of coming. |             | Number who speak English, by age at time of coming. |             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|
|                      |                                 | Under 14.                                       | 14 or over. | Under 14.   | 14 or over. |
| German.....          | 31                              | 7   | 24          | 7   | 19          |
| Hebrew, Russian..... | 65                              | 4   | 61          | 4   | 33          |
| Italian, South.....  | 201                             | 13  | 188         | 5   | 29          |
| Polish.....          | 177                             | 19  | 158         | 13  | 48          |
| Syrian.....          | 44                              | 3   | 41          | 1   | 9           |
| Total.....           | 518                             | 46  | 472         | 30  | 138         |

(a) Not computed, owing to small number involved.

For no race are there as many as 20 heads of households who were under 14 years of age at the time of coming to the United States. Among all immigrants, however, there are 46, of whom 30, or 65.2 per cent, can now speak English. Of the 472 who came after they had reached the age of 14 only 138, or 29.2 per cent, can speak the language.

## LITERACY.

The number and per cent of male heads of households who read and the number and per cent who both read and write appear in the following table. The table is based on General Table 102.

TABLE 67.—*Number and per cent of male heads of households who read and who read and write, by general nativity and race of individual.*

| General nativity and race of individual.                      | Number reporting complete data. | Number who— |                 | Per cent who— |                 |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
|   |                                 | Read.       | Read and write. | Read.         | Read and write. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....                      | 53                              | 52          | 52              | 98.1          | 98.1            |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father, German..... | 39                              | 39          | 39              | 100.0         | 100.0           |
| Foreign-born:   |                                 |             |                 |               |                 |
| German.....   | 30                              | 30          | 28              | 100.0         | 93.3            |
| Hebrew, Russian.....  | 64                              | 58          | 58              | 90.6          | 90.6            |
| Italian, South.....   | 202                             | 107         | 107             | 53.0          | 53.0            |
| Polish.....   | 177                             | 138         | 131             | 78.0          | 74.0            |
| Syrian.....   | 44                              | 27          | 27              | 61.4          | 61.4            |
| Grand total.....  | 609                             | 451         | 442             | 74.1          | 72.6            |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....                      | 39                              | 39          | 39              | 100.0         | 100.0           |
| Total native-born.....  | 92                              | 91          | 91              | 98.9          | 98.9            |
| Total foreign-born.....                                       | 517                             | 360         | 351             | 69.6          | 67.9            |

The per cent of literacy is high among the Germans of both generations and the native-born of native father, although only the second-generation Germans report all of their number able both to read and to write. The degree of literacy among the foreign-born is highest among the Germans and second highest among the Russian Hebrews. None of the other three races has as many as three-fourths of its male heads of households able both to read and to write, but of the three the Polish show the highest degree of literacy, the Syrians next highest, and the South Italians the lowest. Of all the heads of households studied about every fourth man can neither read nor write.

The number and per cent of female heads of households and wives of heads who read and the number and per cent who read and write are given in the following table. The table is based on General Table 103.

TABLE 68.—*Number and per cent of females who read and who read and write, by general nativity and race of individual.*

[This table includes only female heads of households and wives of heads of households.]

| General nativity and race of individual.          | Number reporting complete data. | Number who— |                 | Per cent who— |                 |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
|   |                                 | Read.       | Read and write. | Read.         | Read and write. |
| Native-born of native father, White.....          | 53                              | 51          | 51              | 96.2          | 96.2            |
| Native-born of foreign father, by race of father: |                                 |             |                 |               |                 |
| English.....                                      | 1                               | 1           | 1               | (a)           | (a)             |
| French.....                                       | 2                               | 2           | 2               | (a)           | (a)             |
| German.....                                       | 43                              | 43          | 43              | 100.0         | 100.0           |
| Hebrew.....                                       | 1                               | 1           | 1               | (a)           | (a)             |
| Irish.....  | 1                               | 1           | 1               | (a)           | (a)             |
| Italian, South.....                               | 6                               | 6           | 6               | (a)           | (a)             |
| Polish.....                                       | 7                               | 7           | 7               | (a)           | (a)             |
| Scotch.....                                       | 1                               | 1           | 1               | (a)           | (a)             |
| Foreign-born:                                     |                                 |             |                 |               |                 |
| Canadian (other than French).....                 | 7                               | 7           | 7               | (a)           | (a)             |
| English.....                                      | 2                               | 2           | 2               | (a)           | (a)             |
| German.....                                       | 41                              | 41          | 40              | 100.0         | 97.6            |
| Hebrew, Russian.....                              | 64                              | 49          | 48              | 76.6          | 75.0            |
| Hebrew, Other.....                                | 4                               | 2           | 2               | (a)           | (a)             |
| Italian, South.....                               | 194                             | 22          | 21              | 11.3          | 10.8            |
| Polish.....                                       | 174                             | 138         | 116             | 79.3          | 66.7            |
| Syrian.....                                       | 43                              | 12          | 12              | 27.9          | 27.9            |
| Grand total.....                                  | 644                             | 386         | 361             | 59.9          | 56.1            |
| Total native-born of foreign father.....          | 62                              | 62          | 62              | 100.0         | 100.0           |
| Total native-born.....                            | 115                             | 113         | 113             | 98.3          | 98.3            |
| Total foreign-born.....                           | 529                             | 273         | 248             | 51.6          | 46.9            |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

The order of the races in respect to degree of literacy is the same among the women as among the men. Little or no difference in respect to literacy exists between the sexes of the Germans of both generations and the native-born of native father. A somewhat smaller proportion of Polish women than of Polish men are able both to read and to write and considerably smaller proportions of Russian Hebrew women than of Russian Hebrew men can either read or read and write. The wide differences between the sexes in respect to literacy are found among the South Italians and Syrians. Of the South Italian men 53 per cent both read and write; of the South Italian women only 10.8 per cent can both read and write. Syrian men in 61.4 per cent of all cases read and write, while Syrian women read and write in only 27.9 per cent of all cases. Only 51.6 per cent of all foreign-born women included in this table are able to read and only 46.9 per cent are able both to read and to write.

Foreign-born male heads of households are classified in the following table according to the number of years since their first arrival in the United States and for each group the number and per cent who read and write are shown. The table is based on General Table 104.

TABLE 69.—*Number and per cent of male heads of households who read and write, by years in the United States and race of individual.*

[By years in the United States is meant years since first arrival in the United States.]

| Race of individual.  | Number reporting complete data. | Number in the United States each specified number of years. |         |             | Number who read and write, by years in the United States. |         |             | Per cent who read and write, by years in the United States. |         |             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------|-------------|---|---------|-------------|---|---------|-------------|
|                      |                                 | Under 5.  | 5 to 9. | 10 or over. | Under 5.  | 5 to 9. | 10 or over. | Under 5.  | 5 to 9. | 10 or over. |
| German.....          | 30                              | 2   | 1       | 27          | 2   | 1       | 25          | (a)   | (a)     | 92.6        |
| Hebrew, Russian..... | 64                              | 28  | 10      | 26          | 26  | 10      | 22          | 92.9  | (a)     | 84.6        |
| Italian, South.....  | 202                             | 25  | 62      | 115         | 10  | 22      | 75          | 40.0  | 35.5    | 65.2        |
| Polish.....          | 177                             | 24  | 34      | 119         | 19  | 26      | 86          | 79.2  | 76.5    | 72.3        |
| Syrian.....          | 44                              | 5   | 24      | 15          | 3   | 14      | 10          | (a)   | 58.3    | (a)         |
| Total.....           | 517                             | 84  | 131     | 302         | 60  | 73      | 218         | 71.4  | 55.7    | 72.2        |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

Among recent immigrant races represented in the table by 20 or more persons the Russian Hebrews show the highest degree of literacy, the Poles the next highest, and the South Italians the lowest. Of the three races represented by 20 or more persons in the group from five to nine years in the United States, the order from highest to lowest per cent of literates is Poles, Syrians, and South Italians. Among the older immigrants four races are represented by 20 or more persons, of which the German race has the highest per cent of literates, the Hebrew the second highest, the South Italian the lowest, and the Polish the second lowest.

Foreign-born male heads of households are again classified according to their age at the time of their first arrival in the United States, and for each group the number who read and write is shown. The table is based on General Table 105.

TABLE 70.—*Number of foreign-born male heads of households who read and write, by age at time of coming to the United States, and race of individual.*

| Race of individual.  | Number reporting complete data. | Number each specified age at time of coming. |             | Number who read and write, by age at time of coming. |             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|
|                      |                                 | Under 14.                                    | 14 or over. | Under 14.  | 14 or over. |
| German.....          | 30                              | 7  | 23          | 6  | 22          |
| Hebrew, Russian..... | 64                              | 4  | 60          | 4  | 54          |
| Italian, South.....  | 202                             | 14   | 188         | 7  | 100         |
| Polish.....          | 177                             | 19   | 158         | 17   | 114         |
| Syrian.....          | 44                              | 3  | 41          | 3  | 24          |
| Total.....           | 517                             | 47   | 470         | 37   | 314         |

No race is here represented by as many as 20 men who were children not yet 14 years of age at the time of their arrival in this country. There are, however, 47 of all races who were under 14 at the time of coming to the United States, of whom 37, or 78.7 per cent, can read and write. Of the 470 who came when they were 14 years of age or older, only 66.8 per cent can read and write.

## CITIZENSHIP.

The number and per cent of foreign-born male heads of households who are fully naturalized and the number and per cent who have taken out only their first naturalization papers appear in the following table, which is derived from General Table 106:

TABLE 71.—*Present political condition of foreign-born male heads of households who have been in the United States 5 years or over and who were 21 years of age or over at time of coming, by race of individual.*

[By years in the United States is meant years since first arrival in the United States.]

| Race of individual.  | Number reporting complete data. | Number—            |                           | Per cent—          |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
|                      |                                 | Fully naturalized. | Having first papers only. | Fully naturalized. | Having first papers only. |
| German.....          | 11                              | 11                 | .....                     | (a)                | (a)                       |
| Hebrew, Russian..... | 25                              | 17                 | 6                         | 68.0               | 24.0                      |
| Italian, South.....  | 116                             | 53                 | 11                        | 45.7               | 9.5                       |
| Polish.....          | 92                              | 60                 | 14                        | 65.2               | 15.2                      |
| Syrian.....          | 13                              | 7                  | 5                         | (a)                | (a)                       |
| Total.....           | 257                             | 148                | 36                        | 57.6               | 14.0                      |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

Only three races are represented in the above table by 20 or more heads of households eligible to full citizenship. Of these the Russian Hebrews have the highest proportion fully naturalized and the highest proportion with only their first papers. The Poles have next to the highest proportions in both classes, and the South Italians have the lowest proportions, only 45.7 per cent of the South Italians having become full citizens and only 9.5 per cent having taken out their first, but not their second, naturalization papers. Of all the foreign-born, 57.6 per cent have become fully naturalized and 14.0 per cent have taken one or both steps toward citizenship.

In the following table only those foreign-born male heads of households who have been in the United States from five to nine years are included. The table is derived from General Table 106.

TABLE 72.—*Present political condition of foreign-born male heads of households who have been in the United States 5 to 9 years and who were 21 years of age or over at time of coming, by race of individual.*

[By years in the United States is meant years since first arrival in the United States.]

| Race of individual.  | Number reporting complete data. | Number—            |                           | Per cent—          |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
|                      |                                 | Fully naturalized. | Having first papers only. | Fully naturalized. | Having first papers only. |
| German.....          | 1                               | 1                  | .....                     | (a)                | (a)                       |
| Hebrew, Russian..... | 10                              | 4                  | 4                         | (a)                | (a)                       |
| Italian, South.....  | 48                              | 6                  | 4                         | 12.5               | 8.3                       |
| Polish.....          | 20                              | 2                  | 5                         | 10.0               | 25.0                      |
| Syrian.....          | 8                               | 3                  | 4                         | (a)                | (a)                       |
| Total.....           | 87                              | 16                 | 17                        | 18.4               | 19.5                      |

a Not computed, owing to small number involved.

Only two races are represented here by 20 or more persons. Of these two the Poles have the larger proportion of persons who have taken any action whatever in regard to becoming citizens and the South Italians have the larger proportion of those who have achieved full naturalization.